Delayed justice on way out here

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Delayed justice is on the way out in Baltimore's Criminal Court.

Thanks to "Operation Big Push," started by the State's attorney's office six months ago, the backlog in criminal cases has greatly diminished.

According to Charles E. Moylan Jr., state's attorney, 1,200 cases have been disposed of since the first of the year.

During June, Mr. Moylan said 860 criminal indictments and 145 appeals were pushed through the courts.

"This represents twice the normal monthly production," he stated.

He pointed out that on Jan. 1, the criminal court backlog was 2,241.

"As of June 30, there are only 1,042 cases left to be tried," Mr. Moylan declared. "We have done this even during a period when we've had a large influx of new cases."

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"OPERATION BIG PUSH" in addition to working members of Mr. Moylan's staff hundreds of extra hours, also created four new parts of criminal court.

"Certainly the reduction of this backlog would not have been possible if we did not have the full cooperation of the judges," the state's attorney said.

"Our judges have really worked overtime. For example, Judge Cardin (Meyer M.) worked last Thursday until 6:30 p.m., and Judge Sklar (Albert L.) went until 7:40 p.m., and they weren't on jury cases."

Mr. Moylan attributed the backlog to (1) the increase in crime; (2) recent Supreme Court decisions designed to protect the defendant; and (3) the reluctance of trial lawyers, in cases where the guilt of their client is evident, to enter a guilty plea.

Of the latter, Mr. Moylan said, "In the past approximately 5,000 to 6,000 criminal cases were quickly disposed of by attorneys for the defendants entering a guilty plea.

"Now, because of new Supreme Court decisions, even if a defendant admits his guilt to his lawyer, the lawyer feels obligated to make every effort to clear the defendant on the basis of the ruling.

"This in turn often requires lengthy trials."

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MR. MOYLAN explained that the "Big Push Operation" not only benefits the judiciary system but tax payers as well.

He said, many defendants or persons awaiting trial were confined to the Baltimore City Jail at our expense. Now many are quickly found innocent and released while those found guilty are sent to serve time in institutions throughout the state.

"So you see everybody really benefits."

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SOME LAWYERS who when the operation started were not in favor of it now are all for pushing their cases through.

Bandit tells about hold-ups

A lengthy three - day argument in Criminal Court climaxed Wednesday when Judge Anslem Sodara ruled that police made no promises to a man accused of three armed robberies in order to obtain a confession.

He further ruled out defense attorney Milton B. Allen's contention that the arrest and search of the defendant's apartment were illegal.

Judge Sodara stated the evidence showed that " . . . all the initiative was on the part of the defendant," George McChan, 32, 1000 block Broadway.

"He was the one who made the suggestion, then the request, and finally the directive which the police in turn complied with," he said.

"The thought of making a statement to help Shelley was originated by the defendant, not the police officers. He (McChan) said he would confess if the court or jury was appraised of his reason for freely and voluntarily making the statement."

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McCHAN CLAIMED police promised to help his nephew, Charles D. Shelley, a 22 - year - old soldier, of the 1200 block McElderry St., if he confessed to the robberies.

The defendant testified his reason for wanting to help his young nephew was because he had a good service record and no criminal record.

"He was just a victim of circumstances," he said.

McChan, along with four other men, had been convicted April 13 in a series of armed robberies allegedly committed Jan. 1 and 2, 1964.

Judge Charles D. Harris, sentenced McChan on April 28, to 40 years in the penitentiary.

Others sentenced were:

Major K. Jones, 29, 1500 block Aisquith St., 30 years.

Robert P. Griffin, 27, 1700 block E. Chase St., 20 years.

Willie F. Bethea, 21, 2300 block E. Lafayette Ave., and Shelley, both received 10 years.

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TESTIMONY revealed that Shelley has been paroled and is now back in military service.

After Judge Sodara's ruling, Stanley Cohn, assistant state's attorney, introduced the controversial confession into evidence.

The confession contained details of three armed robberies in which McChan had participated.

In all of the robberies the bandits had worn black scarfs and none of the three prosecution witnesses could make positive identification of their assailants, testimony showed.

On the point of the arrest and search of McChan's apartment where a shotgun was found, Judge Sodara said he believed the story of

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NEW BOARD MEMBER of the Construction Workers' Trust Fund in the Baltimore area is James McCoy, president of Local 194, International Hod Carriers and Building Laborers AFL - CIO. At recent meeting following the appointment, exclusive AFRO photo shows (left to right) Herman Berger, chairman of the fund's board; William Buzby trustee; Mr. McCoy, trustee, and John T. Buzby, secretary of the board.

Teacher named to VSC post

Mrs. Mary B. Adams, veteran teacher and prolific civic worker, was appointed director of Voluntary Service Corps for Baltimore on Wednesday.

Duties include coordinating the services of all community agencies involved in the Anti - Poverty program.

In accepting the $11,000 post, Mrs. Adams will be on leave from her position as art specialist with the Department of Education.

The VSC office will be housed in the American Building and will be under

MRS. MARY B. ADAMS

the jurisdiction of the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore area, headed by Harold Edelstein.

The appointment was effective Thursday and Mrs. Adams' staff will include an administrative assistant and secretary.

INVOLVED IN voter registration campaigns and the Provident Development Program, Mrs. Adams has won three major citations for outstanding community service.

They include the Distinguished Community Service Award from the Epsilon Omega Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and citations from the NAACP and the Baltimore Chapter of the National Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mrs. Adams is a graduate of Coppin and Morgan State Colleges, and holds a master's degree in administration and supervision of elementary schools. She has also done graduate work at Catholic University in Washington.

The new director said she will spend some time in Washington studying the functions of the Voluntary Service Corps as it applies to the war on poverty.

"I consider this to be many things. Among them an opportunity and challenge. I intend to give my best effort," she said of the new post.

Are Baltimore employers letting down their youths?

Are Baltimore firms and businesses letting down their disadvantaged youths between 16 and 21?

Although over 3,777 applicants have poured into the Youth Opportunity Center and 1,377 referred to jobs, only 372 have been placed.

We need jobs from shopping centers, retail stores, banks, offices, department stores, light industry, restaurants, hotels and hospitals," said Stanley Emche, Center manager.

Every facet of job problems is handled at the Center.

"In fact, youth advisors are now being trained to go out to pool rooms and other places where young people assemble who need help and do some recruiting.

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BUT NONE of this is of any value, if job orders do not increase.

"After all the conditioning and all the training, the success of all poverty agencies will depend upon the job orders," explained William Clark, supervisor of placement division.

Hundreds flock in weekly seeking some type of work. Much of this is due to the publicity involved.

Mrs. Ora Collins of 1027 W. Lanvale St. is one such person. The June 1964 Carver High School graduate said. "It's hard out here looking for a job," and thinks industry's closed doors are the reasons.

Harold Morgan and Patricia Miller both want summer work. However, since they are skilled and fall into the vocational - set category, both of the Edmondson High seniors were sent to the Department of Employment Security on Eutaw St.

A June 1965 academic graduate of Forest Park, Joyce Miller desires work of any kind. Job - choice is her major problem since she has not been vocationally trained. Her situation is shared by many other youngsters.

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WILLING WORKERS are the Youth Center's goal. To get them, an intensive program has been established. All problems are given special attention.

Young people who are hindered from the job market due to lack of training, education, illness, jobs or motivation, are counseled on a one to one basis. Problems are met and attacked.

Because many young people are confused or undecided concerning job choice, a period of testing is also provided. Aptitude tests make them aware of their ability, potential and performance.

Training programs such as Job Corps and the Neighborhood Youth Corps help those youngsters who are without any skills. The Youth Center has referred 99 to the neighborhood Youth Corps.

A list of resource agencies is also made available for special cases. Re - entry into the school system is the resource open to the majority of high school drop-outs.

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IMMEDIATE SERVICE of apprenticeship information is offered to the unskilled. And job orders are sought for the vocational-set.

New, and considered most important is the follow - up service of the Youth Center. Not only are youngsters placed by the Center, but their progress continually investigated.

Under the counselor's guidance the counselee learns that working is a two-way street. He is taught what the employer expects in work habits and attitudes.

Referrals are made to outside agencies for those who need physical or mental rehabilitation. Center officials find this a major hindrance to successful earning.

Contrary to what many believe, the Center does not operate on a means system. Need for a job, not net income is the determinant.

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IN AN APPEAL to employers, Mrs. Sarah Brown, assistant manager to Mr. Emche, explained, "We need response from employers for job orders on a trainee, not terminal basis for either permanent or part - time positions."

Sparked by the President's national campaign to find summer jobs for youth in need of work experience and the opportunity to earn money in order to continue their schooling, the Youth Center has already received job orders from several agencies of the Federal Government.

Both Governor Tawes and Mayor McKeldin have issued proclamations urging private citizens and local industry to join in the drive by hiring one or more youths for summer work.

The Baltimore Youth Opportunity Center is a branch of the Maryland Department Employment Security.

Nine ministers eulogize Miss Moore, Morgan senior

Nine ministers participated in funeral services today (Friday) for Miss Constance Heloise Moore, 20, a Morgan State College senior of 4507 Liberty Heights Ave.

The only daughter of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. James L. Moore, she died Sunday at Sinai Hspital of a kidney ailment.

Her father is pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, where funeral services were held, with the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Church, officiating.

THE REV. H. O. Edwards, pastor of Trinity Baptist gave the eulogy.

In his eulogy, the Rev. Mr. Edwards said:

"If all whose lives had been touched by hers were able to speak today, there would be reported before our eyes a vast beautiful mosaic, a mosaic of a young life lived well and to the full.

A living testimony to the fact that one does not have to wait until one gets old to begin to live and to live meaningfully, for she had long since committed herself to preparing to work with handicapped children."

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OTHER Baptist ministers who spoke were the Revs. Alfred Barnes, Promise Land Church, Moneta, Va.; W. L. Clayton, Macedonia Church; Dr. George Crawley, St. Paul Church and president of the Baptist Ministers' Convention;

And, Drs. W. H. Thompson, president of United Baptist Ministers Convention; Baxter L. Matthews, Union Church; Ward D. Yerby, Perkins Square Church;

Also speaking were Dr. George Gunther and Dr. Stewart Brooks, representing Dr. Martin Jenkins, Morgan State

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Mrs. Wiley's estate goes to her husband

Mrs. Laverne Frances Wiley, formerly of 2506 McCulloh St., and more recently of 6401 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, left her entire estate to her husband, Florizel Wily.

Mr. Wiley was also named executor in the will left by Mrs. Wiley.

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THE WILL, drawn on Dec. 2, 1964, revoked other wills and codicils, and devised that Mr. Wiley be authorized to serve in any jurisdiction in which he may qualify with nominal bond.

The gift to Mr. Wiley includes personal and real property as well as any mixed property of any type.

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MRS. WILEY died on May 20, and is survived by two brothers and three sisters in addition to her husband.

The relatives include Lawson Brooks of 1800 N. Bentalou St., Wilbert Brooks of Flamingo Drive, Glen Burnie; Mrs. Hyson Queen of Queenstown, Miss Bernice Brooks of 6009 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie; and Mrs. Lenore Johnson of Los Angeles.

The will has been probated in the Anne Arundel County Court House, Annapolis.

YWCA teens attending leadership conference

Twenty - five teenage girls have been selected from throughout the Baltimore Metropolitan area to attend the second "Best Foot Forward" Teenage Leadership summer program, according to Mrs. Henrietta B. Martin, Metropolitan executive director of the Baltimore YWCA.

The course started Monday and will continue twice weekly, Monday and Friday, through July 30 at the Metropolitan Baltimore YWCA branches.

It again is being co-sponsored by the YWCA and the Clairol Company.

Objective of the teenage leadership program is to provide 14 to 17 year - old girls with an opportunity for self - improvement through attending the ten - session course.

According to Mrs. Joyce Ohl, teenage program director of the International Center YWCA, 16 S. Patterson Park Ave., and program director of the teenage leadership program, as a result of last year's program three of the girls are working as volunteers in the Sheltered Workshop program at the

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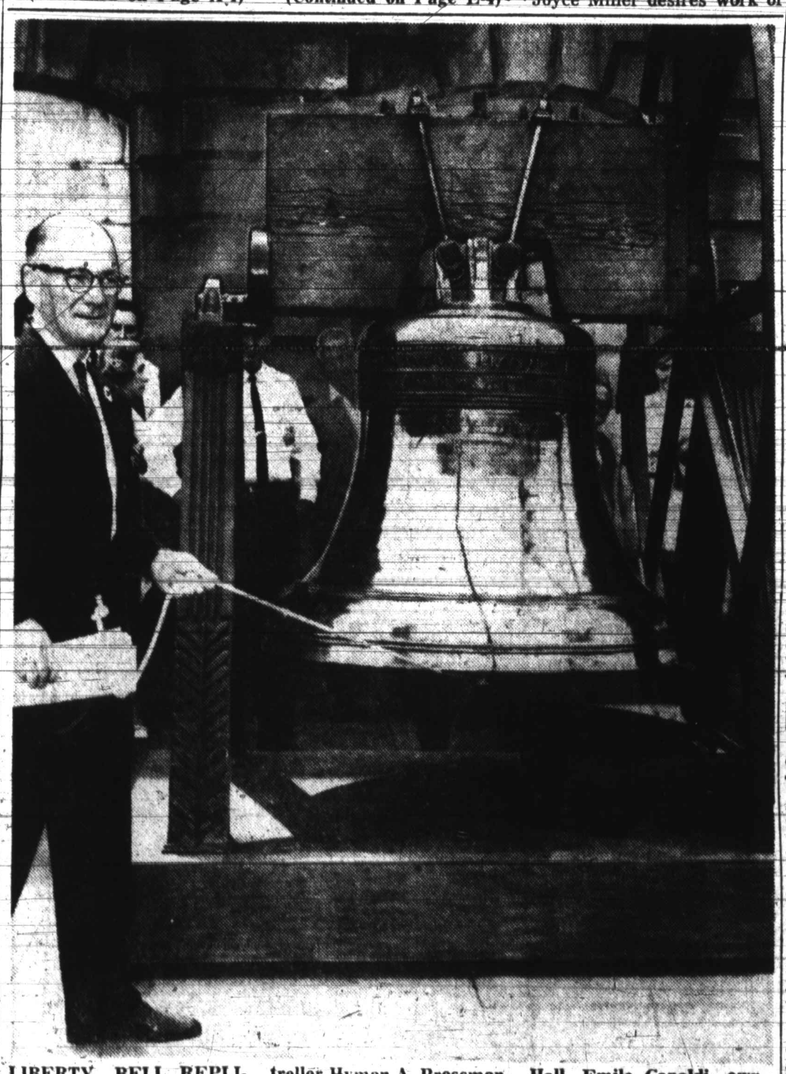

LIBERTY BELL REPLICA was unveiled by Comptroller Hyman A. Pressman Thursday in front of City Hall. Emilo Capaldi, owner of the bell, allowed it to sit outside of City Hall for two days so that children who had never seen the famous one could see it. The bell will be placed in Independence Mall in Wilmington, Del. McShane Bell Foundry Co. Inc., Baltimore, made it.

Paving jobs warning given

"Don't bite on this offer of 'a lot for a little,'" the Baltimore Better Business Bureau warns about a work gang of gypsies which offers to pave driveways "for only $20."

The bureau outlines the operations of the crew as follows: One of these operators will drive up to your home in an old truck with out-of-town license plates.

He will give you his name and a non-existent address and will tell you a story of how he has just finished a job in the neighborhood and has enough left over to do your driveway for a small sum. He will insist on cash.

The bureau states that "unless the quality of these gypsies' material has improved miraculously, you will find the new blacktop crumbling and weeds growing up in the midst of your driveway within a very short time."

"It said the crew uses an English name but speaks with a pronounced Slavic accent, and has sold its cheap blacktop to two Baltimore families within the past few days.

750 enroll in Dunbar opportunity program

Seven hundred and fifty students are presenty enrolled in Baltimore's initial action program at the Dunbar Senior High School, Caroline and McElderry Streets.

The students, who have come from four different schools in a special target area, show up each day at 8:30 a.m. to begin a day of classes and activities which end at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks, principal of this pioneering project of the city's anti-poverty program, has commended both the faculty members and the student body for their cooperative attitudes in getting the program off to a smooth beginning.

Assisting Mrs. Brooks in administering the program are two assistants-to-the-principal, Ralph Smith and Bernard Yaffe. Mr. Smith teaches mathematics at the Dunbar school, and Mr. Yaffe has just been assigned as special assistant at the Calverton Heights Junior High School, beginning in September.

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IN THE special Dunbar program, students take a wide range to subjects, including Spanish, French, typing, mathematics, science, industrial arts, home economics, physical education and music.

Reading, either remedial or recreational, is the only subject which all students must take. Other subjects are elected by the students according to preference.

In addition to the regular classroom work, students are offered club activities, special assemblies, and recreational and educational field trips.

A free lunch is provided for each student each day.

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PARENTS OF students who are voluntarily attending the six-week Summer Enrichment and Remedial Program at Dunbar gathered at the school to have the program explained to them on Thursday.

Sidney Chernak, assistant superintendent in the Department of Education, explained the purpose of the special program. He was assisted by Gordon Wolper, division director for the Department of Education.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks, principal of the summer session, also spoke to the parents; Mrs. Charlotte Mebane, counselor, welcomed the parents to the project.

Others who participated were: Carolyn Thomas, Brenda Webb, Blondola Terry, and Carolyn Thomas, all students who performed in musical numbers.

Local 795 announces 25c increase

A 25 cents increase for all men's haircuts is now in effect, according to Pinkey A. Howell, secretary-treasurer, of Local 795.

Affiliates of the AFL-CIO, Local 795 and 241 are members of the Journeymen Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmotologists and Proprietors International Union of America.

Trash collections

Regular collections of trash and garbage in Baltimore City on Monday, July 5, have been announced by Joseph H. McCarthy, Sanitary engineer.

Patriotic concert scheduled July 4

joining in the celebration of the 4th of July has arranged a Patriotic Concert in its summer series of concerts to be given this Sunday, July 4 at Westside Shopping Center, 2400 Frederick Ave., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This program will be given by the Municipal Concert Band, Weldon J. Irvine conductor.

An especially attractive program has been arranged in celebration of this great day and to help us strengthen our Patriotism have included the Pledge to the Flag, Taps, and Silent Prayer.

In addition, many patriotic marches and other numbers have been arranged for the band such as the "American Pioneer Oferture" by Yoder, "Patriotic Fantasy," by Cohan, Irving Berlin's favorite, "God Bless America."

Stadium fireworks

On July 5 the Greater Northeast Baltimore Association will again present their annual celebration and fireworks at Baltimore Memorial Stadium. Events will begin at 7 p.m.

Gates will open at 6 p.m. Price of admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. Parking fee on the stadium lot will be 25 cents.

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