LOOKING BACK ON THE NEWS OF 1965

Baltimore slow to right social wrongs in 1965

By ELIZABETH OLIVER

The first week in January, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson left no stone unturned as he outlined the methods by which the nation could right social wrongs — erase poverty and racial injustice.

But, Baltimore, like many other large cities, failed to heed, failed to get on with the plan for the Great Society.

One year later, after spending untold sums, Baltimore, the world's largest seaport town, is still behind.

Far from the American Dream, LBJ put forth in his "one nation, one people" inaugural address, Baltimore, for 365 more days, hung on doggedly to its old pattern of segregated housing.

The City Council failed to pass open housing legislation.

In March, a stone-throwing white mob chased a colored expectant mother and her five children from their home in the night.

At the close of the year, CORE and other citizens were still picketing segregated apartment buildings where they had suffered humiliation and arrest.

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ALTHOUGH the Anti-poverty Program had been thoroughly outlined by Washington, an AFRO survey midway the year, showed few of Baltimore's poor knew what it was all about.

Few had been raised from slums, hunger, oppression. By the time the gravy trickled down to them, for whom it was intended, there was not enough left to moisten the dry bread of Hope.

Yet another AFRO survey showed little tots in Head - Start Schools were being served cold lunches.

A third survey showed Baltimore business establishments, dragging their feet, employed only 372 young people in summer jobs from the nearly 4,000 who applied.

Baltimore city schools still lacked racial balance and Maryland county schools, ignoring the Supreme Court Decision 11 years ago, found ways to keep colored children from all-white schools.

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JANUARY

The unprecedented manhunt Baltimore police conducted in the search for Samuel and Earl Veney started 1965 off on the wrong foot.

Before the two brothers were nabbed in New York on March 11, the homes of more than 230 colored families had been entered illegally, according to the NAACP records.

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AN ELDERLY woman and her son were arrested 'by mistake.' Gov. Tawes and Mayor McKeldin named a citizens' committee to help relieve rising tension against Property taxes jumped the police actions.

from $4.14 per $100 to $4.45.

McKeldin named Grace Presbyterian Church pastor, the Rev. Robert T. Newbold, vice - chairman of the Anti-Poverty Program, and Morton Macht chairman of the commission.

Joseph A. Carlton, a Johns Hopkins University freshman from Louisiana, was elected president of the class.

Sniper's bullet killed 3-year-old Kris Cooper in her mother's arms while on Whitelock St. near their home, a case that remains yet unsolved.

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PROVIDENT Hospital, with a citizens goal of $2,400,000, had $1,715,000 in the bank as it opened the Third Phase of the New Hospital Fund Drive.

The NAACP filed suit in Federal District Court before Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen to get an injunction to stop police raids. Police Commissioner Bernard Schmidt was named defendant, on the basis that warrants for the Veney brothers did not serve as a blanket excuse to raid all homes.

(Although Judge Thomsen refused the injunction in April, he scored police for their tactics.)

An AFRO survey found many mothers of small children working to survive and questioned, "Can CANDO do the job?"

FEBRUARY

Cardinal - Designate Shehan of Baltimore was selected to take the holy vows in Rome along with the Most Rev. Paul Zoungrana of Africa and others.

A total of 30 to 50 policemen entered two homes as the raids for the Veney brothers continued.

Dr. Furman L. Templeton, Urban League executive director and William D. Somerville, an attorney, were named to head the 12-member committee to serve as advisors and consultants to the Police Department.

L. C. Cooke, brother of singer Sam Cooke (killed Dec. 11 in Los Angeles) appeared at the Baltimore Coliseum singing his brother's old songs.

His appearance here coincided with the Feb. 15 cancer death of Nat King Cole in Hollywood and preceded by six days, the assassination of Malcolm X in New York.

On Feb. 28, her birthday, Miss Anita Williams, veteran Baltimore Catholic leader, was called to Rome to witness the Red Beretta ceremonies for Cardinal Shehan.

MARCH

Race hatred flared on Maulden Ave., the block-long street in the Woodbury section of Baltimore, as an after - dark mob of whites stoned the home of Mrs. Elnora Walker. Expecting a baby, she mother of five fled in the night.

Posing a fight were three rights bills before the General Assembly in Annapolis that were intended to erase racial discrimination in employment, the sale and rental of homes and open all places of public accommodation.

The Rev. Joseph Brown was named first colored chaplain at the Baltimore City Jail and Lt. Lawrence D. Logan became the first of his rank there.

Old Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Gilmor and Riggs, now St. Lukes AME, was destroyed by fire.

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THE VENEY brothers, accused of murder and robbery, were nabbed in Garden City, Long Island, N.Y. on March 11. As they were taken into custody, Baltimore police were in the process of raiding a Druid Hill Ave. home.

A local CORE man was beaten in Alabama as the Selma riots went into the spotlight.

after a beating from whites, after a beating from whites and Baltimoreans joined 30,000 for the Selma-Montgomery march no one will ever forget.

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THE DUNBAR - PIT - CORE - School Board feud began as CORE used the example of the inner - city school to expose discrimination in education here.

Baltimoreans on the protest scene in Alabama were shocked when Mrs. Viola Liuzzo of Detroit was gunned down after the March 25 March from Selma to Montgomery.

APRIL

CORE gave the School Board until April 15 to answer charges of discrimination in inner - city schools and staged a camp - in at the School Board headquarters on E. 25th St.

Mrs. Clara Harris, fraternal leader, died at her 934 Stricker St. residence April 9.

AFRO Teacher Contest winners sailing to the Caribbean were Mrs. Charlotte Shockley, Cherry Hill Junior High School and Mrs. Florine Brown, Franklin Square Elementary School.

Baltimoreans made outstanding contributions to citizens led by Dr. Martin Luther King in Selma, boycott as Selma mayor claims he was robbed in Washington.

President Johnson spoke at Hopkins University to predict long war in Vietnam, was accompanied by his wife, two daughters, vice - president and Mrs. Humphrey.

Dr. George McKinley Phillips, first of his race to become superintendent of Crownsville State Hospital, succeeds Dr. Charles Ward.

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POSTS announced open for 59 Anti - Poverty Jobs in Maryland.

The Dunbar - Inner - city - CORE demonstrations back at 25th St. School Board headquarters. Mayor calls for a talk with both sides.

Dr. Melvin J. Humphrey becomes director of the Anti - Poverty Program at $22,500, a position he resigned two months and four days later.

MAY

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church pastor, the Rev. William L. Green dies May 2. More than 1,000 attend May 5 funeral at the new church, Garrison and Windsor Ave.

Eddie Hurt, Morgan State College Athletic director, named coach of U.S. team for Russian track meet.

Fair Housing war clouds gather as Federation of Civil Rights Organizations and community leaders meet at Metropolitan Methodist Church.

Two Open Occupancy Ordinances, before the City Council Judiciary Committee, cause explosion of opposition. Both Mayor McKeldin, Cardinal Shehan, were vilified by irate opposers.

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CORE hit the Social Security Administration for discrimination at Woodlawn headquarters.

Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) booked and fan hollers "fix" as he knocks Liston out in 60-second bout, May 25 in Maine.

Early touch of summer sees thousands welcome May 30 Memorial Day opening of Maryland beaches and parks.

Talmadge Hill honored at All - Sports banquet at Morgan State College for 35 years coaching career there.

Provident Hospital Fund Drive begins door - to - door campaign with hundreds of volunteer workers.

JUNE

The Oxford Street Neighborhood Association begins beautifying the area in annual campaign.

Ministers urge a new building for Dunbar High school.

Fair Housing ordinances killed in City Council action and CORE promises renewed attack to gain open occupancy.

AFRO survey shows the poor know little of what's outlined for their benefit in the Anti - Poverty Program.

The $20,000,000 inner - city bon plan is announced by City Hall.

Mrs. Anita Hawkins, well-known Baltimorean, dies June 8, stricken at Civic Center as grandchild graduates from Eastern High.

Over 235,000 Methodists are united under the Baltimore Annual Conference at the June 16 merger on American University campus in Washington. The day before, the 102 - year old Washington Annual Conference, all - colored, was abolished.

Wedding of the season witnesses Miss Diane Tallian Fowler, daughter of Col. and Mrs. James D. Fowler, wed to Ensign Joseph Paul Reason at the U.S. Naval Academy chapel. Her father was former PMS at Morgan.

Finding the city poverty program "a bit slow," the Baltimore Urban League established a program to teach needy persons how to purchase food wisely.

Dr. Humphrey resigns his $22,500 CANDO post.

$100,000 cash gift to the New Provident Hospital Building Fund comes from the estate of Emanuel Chambers, deceased Baltimore butler — who was a genius on the stockmarket.

Provident Fund is within $250,000 of $2 million, 400 thousand goal.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, veteran NAACP president, leads 40 - member Maryland delegation to the 56th National Convention in Denver, Colo.

Maryland House of Delegates member, Mrs. Irma Dixon, dies June 30 after lengthy illness of cancer.

JULY

Baltimore business firms are found "not doing their part" as only 372 young people are placed in summer jobs. Applicants numbered 3,777.

CANDO progress report shows shortcomings in aiding the poor outweigh benefits. Inspectors arrive from Washington to inquire among the poor and otherwise check anti — Poverty Program.

Male assailters reveal, in an AFRO survey, that few men choose to marry women who are not intelligent.

The 229th Battalion of the 29th Infantry Division Supply and Transportation Division in camp at AP Hill, Va. gets word of Secretary of Defense MacNamara's call to eliminate the Virginia 29th of which the 229th is a part.

Baltimore relatives of Thurgood Marshall applaud his appointment as US Solicitor General.

Victor Wright, photographer here 61 years, dies July 2.

Former Anti-Poverty program director, Dr. Melvin Humphrey, blasts the city's effort to help the poor as "falling short" and after a period of silence, states he was kept from carrying out the program as it should go.

Nominees posted for $8,000 Zoning Board vacancy call citizens' attention to fact that no colored person has ever been appointed.

Bride-to-be Mrs. Mildred (Milly) Collins, 40, is accused of slaying John Thompson her bridegroom-to-be, on the morning of their wedding day.

AUGUST

Baltimoreans praise President Johnson as he signs historic Federal Voting Rights Bill in Washington.

Parren Mitchell, former head of the Governor's Interracial Commission, is nominated for the Anti-Poverty post vacated by Dr. Humphrey. He is scheduled to take oath Sept. 17.

The AFRO gave awards for prize-winning blocks in the 31st Annual Clean Block Contest.

Dr. Laurence Paquin, new superintendent of schools prepares for opening of Baltimore schools.

Baltimore Police Department obtained "Shok Buttons" just in case" of riot. Their possession of this form of cattle prodder, a brutal instrument equipped with electric batteries for animals, raises a cry from citizens.

As thousands of children return to county schools, the NAACP finds school bus drivers are leaving colored pupils stranded by the roadside, waiting for transportation to white schools where they were enrolled.

CORE steps up demonstrations against Baltimore inner city school imbalance of colored and white pupils.

Wallbrook Junction citizens, led by the Mt. Holly Improvement Association, block a transfer of liquor license and an apartment complex, made yuletime joyous for many families.

Cassius Clay visits Baltimore Muslim Mosque, gets key to city, red carpet welcome from leading citizens.

Veney Brothers, under murder and robbery charge a year, remain in City Jail while attorneys file for trial to be moved from Baltimore.

Milly, Mrs. Mildred Collins, the bride - to - be who was jailed in the July slaying of her bridegroom - to - be, remains in jail, still awaits trial after 124 days.

NEW WESTERN POLICE District commander is Capt. Dennis P. Mello, a Baltimore first.

DR. LAURENCE PAQUIN —new superintendent of public schools took over September in 1965.

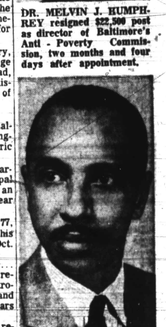
WILMER WISE, first member of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

DR. LOUIS A. JOHNSON, wealthy physician, dies Oct. 23, victim of gunshot wounds.

MILLY, Mrs. Mildred Collins, the bride - to - be is charged with murder in the fatal shooting of John H. Thompson, 27, the bride-groom-to-be on the morning of their wedding day last July. is still lodged in City Jail, along with 72 others also awaiting trial for murder.

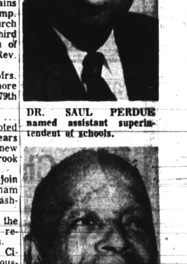
CASSIUS CLAY (Muhammad Ali) and bride shortly after marriage in Gary, Ind. in August, 1964. Separated in June, 1965, less than a year later, the two who attracted nation wide attention then are scheduled to make news again Jan. 7-8 in Miami, Fla. divorce court.

DR. MELVIN J. HUMPHREY resigned $22,500 post as director of Baltimore's Anti - Poverty Commission, two months and four days after appointment.



PARREN MITCHELL succeeds Humphrey as Anti-Poverty director, sworn in Sept. 17.

DR. SAUL PERDUE named assistant superintendent of schools.



FATHER DIVINE dies Sept. 1, mourned by members in Baltimore.

DR. GEORGE McKINLEY PHILLIPS, succeeds Dr. Charles Ward as Crownsville State Hospital head.

BURNED CHURCH. First Baptist Church, in quiet community just eight miles from Baltimore is all that's left of the 90 - year - old structure after Labor Day fire. Charged with arson and still awaiting trial is a 41-year - old Baltimore carpenter.

LOOKING BACK AT THE OLD YEAR

'65 brought several key political gains, new jobs

By MAX JOHNSON
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The out-going year brought several notable political advancements to colored Marylanders, despite the failed passage of pressed for fair housing legislation both statewide and in Baltimore.

To kick matters off in this respect, the General Assembly at its winter session approved a fair employment bill, prohibiting racial discrimination in hiring, firing and upgrading in state agencies.

The bill, sponsored chiefly by Del. Clarence Mitchell 3rd (D. 4th D. Balto.), had the favorable eye of Gov. J. Millard Tawes, and is now a new law.

Its ultimate, forceable implimentation will open job opportunities in many state agencies, heretofore generally held for employment of whites only.

The same assembly passed legislation tightening the state's election laws, cutting the margin for shenanigans.

This is seen, too, as an advancement, an aid to political equality in many areas where such has not been the practice.

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ANOTHER FORM of advancement came for Baltimoreans in a negative sort of fashion.

Killed during this Assembly session was a bill that would have required a general and costly re - registration of all city voters.

Leaders of registration campaigns can Thank Del. Murray Abramson (D. 4th D. Balto.), head of the city's House delegation, for single-handedly turning this trick, though under considerable pressure to let the bill pass.

Mr. Abramson, like many of such campaign leaders, was not against re - registration, but felt this was just not the time for such a major project.

Consequently, many voters are still on the books, who otherwise might not conceivably be registered.

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ON THE negative side of the picture, the Assembly rejected a fair housing bill for the state. 3

Another aimed at broadening Maryland's public accommodations law was withdrawn by Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th D. Balto.), when it was watered down far below its intentions.

A note of sadness was injected into the political picture with the death of Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, a second term House member from Baltimore's 4th District.

She had been in ill health and unable to attend the Assembly sessions the past winter.

Her death lost a House seat for the 4th District Democratic Organization, for filling in vacancy was in the hands of the district's Democratic State Central Committee, controle dby a rival organization.

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GOV. TAWES came up with a key appointment and a first for colored citizens.

He named the Republicans' Marshall W. Jones Jr., young mortician and then Baltimore Park Board member, to the city's three - member Board of Supervisors of Elections.

It was an appointment hailed by Democrats as well as Republicans.

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin got into the appointment act, also.

Yielding under long pressure for such representation, the mayor named David L. Glenn to an administrative spot on his City Hall staff.

The appointment of Mr. Glenn, former head of the city's Community Relations Commission, broke a job barrier that has stood since the history of the city.

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MAYOR MCKELDIN later came up with another precedent - shattering appointment.

He named George L. Russell Jr., popular young attorney, as the first of his race to the city's Civic Center Commission.

But, all was not well with the mayor and the colored citizens who form nearly 40 percent of the Baltimore population.

Despite at least two opportunities, the mayor refused to break precendent and integrate the vital Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

The mayor tried unsuccessfully to push a fair housing ordinance through the all-Democratic City Council.

However, a new such ordinance bearing his endorsement was recently introduced, on which action is now pending.

Such were the political highlights for colored Marylanders during the out - going 1965.

$100,000 to Provident Hospital came from investments from estate left by the late Emanuel Chambers.

MISS ANITA WILLIAMS called to Rome to see Cardinal Shehan take vows on her birthday, Feb. 22.

MRS. CLARA HARRIS dies April 19 at her 934 Stricker St. home.

JOSEPH A. CARLTON, elected president of the freshman class at Johns Hopkins University.

MANHUNT during 1965 involved Earl and Samuel Veney and invasion of the homes of over 230 Baltimore families.

VETERAN PHOTOGRAPHER, Victor Wright, dies July 2 at 61.

THE REV. FAIRFAX KING, well - known Methodist retired minister, dies Nov. 12 at 88.

African policemen complete training

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Four students from Ethiopia and three from the Somali Republic were among the 110 graduates from 12 foreign countries who were presented diplomas Dec. 17 at exercises held at the International Police Academy here.

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, ambassador to South Vietnam and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the principal speaker. The academy is operated by the Agency for International Development.

The Ethiopian graduates were Andesseo Bekele, Biffin Cheffo, Emanuel Berehe, and Tedla Desta. Representing the Somali Republic were Ibrahim Mohmoud Ahmed, Hassan Garad Ali, and Ahmed Abdirahman Mirreh.

DELEGATE IRMA DIXON prominent member of Maryland General Assembly dies June 30 after long illness.

Year After Sam Cooke's Death-- Records Boom But Tragedy Lingers

Fans still talk about tragic Dec. night

By FRANK HUNT

They came from the highways and byways of life, stars of stage and screen, and the little folk who make them stars — 7,000 some strong, standing in the chill air outside the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chicago Dec. 18, 1964.

The weeping (and wailing) came mostly from young girls. The older fans seemed emotionally mesmerized more by the grotesque drama of Sam Cooke's death than by the fact that he was gone.

In many ways the funeral was a monument to Rock 'n' Roll. For whatever it is that makes it the music of the masses, the 33 - year - old singing idol had it.

One year later his fans are still buying his records as regularly as they did when he was alive. It's a demand so great that the supply of unreleased original RCA Victor discs must soon run out.

For unlike Nat King Cole, who died of cancer two months later, Sam Cooke left behind no 10 - year tapings of his musical magic.

THE UNUSUAL circumstance of his death — shot by an indignant and reportedly frightened motel manager as he pursued his lady of the moment — provided headline copy across the nation. Those who knew the likable, easy - going vocalist felt that the undignified way in which he died and the resulting sensational coverage was unworthy of him.

Perhaps this is why the real measure of the man is tailied more accurately by events following his death, which started an ever - widening whirlpool influencing a remarkable number of fates and fortunes.

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IT'S A STORY almost as exciting as the life he lived, with one essential difference: Sam's life was high drama — a modern - day classic Greek story; his post - mortem is a tragedy — a dirge highlighting conflicting interests and personalities.

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MRS. BERTHA FRANK, hospital, she went to live with her mother, while the children remained at Junior Village.

The eviction was carried out even though Mrs. Dupree had paid her rent through the month of May. According to the U.S. Attorney's office, the government understood that the NCHA had cleaned out the Dupree house because "it looked abandoned."

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A SPOKESMAN said the doors were open and neighborhood children were vandalizing the interior.

"Because of the misunderstanding by all parties, we felt the circumstances warranted this office's aiding her in finding a new home."

LIN, the 55 - year - old buxom motel manager whose shooting of Cooke was ruled "justifiable homicide" has subsequently sued the Cooke estate for a million dollars.

Mrs. Franklin charged that when Cooke burst into her office in the early hours of Dec. 11, clad in only a sport coat and shoes and attacking her, she had suffered mental and physical harm as she shot him with a .32 calibre handgun and was left with his still squirming body.

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BARBARA COOKE'S quickie marriage to the 21 - year-old Bobby Womack four months after Sam's death came as a shock to even his close friends. Womack was Cooke's guitarist and a protege whom he had reportedly discovered in Cleveland, Ohio five years ago. Womack was then about 15 and was singing with a religious group.

There have been reports of trouble between the 20 - year-old Barbara and her new husband, but no open break has been announced.

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PRIOR TO Sam's death the Cookes had resided at a $100,000 Los Angeles home complete with swimming pool and fine furnishings in what was to all appearances a plush and happy home. Barbara has since sold the $15,000 Ferrari Sam drove on the fatal night, and a Rolls Royce.

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LISA BOYER, the exotic Eurasian dancer who told police she had been attacked by Cooke when she rebuffed his advances and had run from the motel room taking his clothes with her, was later cleared of responsibility for his death.

She did not completely escape the web of notoriety surrounding Cooke's death, however. She was recently arrested in a raid on a L.A. night spot involving prostitution charges.

There has also been reports of dissention between Barbara as the executrix of Cooke's estate, and Cooke's family, which took a dim view of the second marriage. The former Mrs. Cooke charged her late husband's brother, L. C. Cooke, with assault resulting from an altercation in her apartment. She later dropped the charges and the word is that an uneasy peace reigns between the two factions.

L. C., who authored a number of Sam's records had scored the late singing star's widow of squeezing him out of his share of royalties.

Sam Cooke's continued popularity has been nurtured by brother L. C., who this summer conducted a cross country tour in a series of memorial shows. The voice is close enough to evoke intense nostalgia.

"Sometimes," L. C. said backstage during a Baltimore appearance, "You get a little sad. You can't help it."

DURING recent visit to Baltimore, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad (Cassius Clay) Ali was presented a plaque from the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers by Moses J. Newson, assistant managing editor.

SNCC may call bus boycott

A day long boycott of city buses is being planned by the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in protest of the D.C. Transit Company's proposed five cents fare increase.

Marion Barry, director of SNCC's Washington office, announced Tuesday that the civil rights group would launch the boycott January 24 if the fare increase is not rejected by then.

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BARRY SAID a fare increase would hurt low income people, particularly colored persons. He accused the bus company of "exploiting the D.C. riding public" and "showing little concern for them."

The company contends it needs a fare increase to pay stepped up operating expenses and purchase new buses.

Barry said the boycott has the support of other civil rights groups, namely those who are members of the D.C. Coalition of Conscience.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission will have the proposed fare hike under consideration on Jan. 24 when the boycott is planned.

"Bus riders are sick and tired of being exploited by the company, which is primarily interested in making money," Barry declared.

SNCC plans to conduct the boycott from 6 a.m. to 9 9 a.m., and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Jan. 24. During those hours SNCC is asking the public to:

1. Walk to their jobs
2. Form neighborhood car pools
3. Drive rather than ride buses
4. Ride SNCC Freedom buses (SNCC plans to have 500 for more cars running down certain bus lines and about 50 Freedom bus centers at various churches).
5. Ride taxis

Woman drops court suits, agency provides quarters

WASHINGTON (NPI)— Mrs. Josephine Dupree, 28 - year - old mother of six children, was reunited with them last week when the National Housing Authority obtained new housing and furnishings through the D.C. Welfare Department.

Mrs. Dupree was evicted while she was hospitalized last May, her home was repossessed, her furnishings and personal belongings removed to the city dump, and her children placed in Junior Village. She obtained the new quarters in return for agreeing to dismiss two court suits which she initiated against the Agency.

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UPON HER release from the hospital, she went to live with her mother, while the children remained at Junior Village.

Judith Corley, Peace Corps volunteer drowns

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Peace Corps volunteer Judith Anne Corley, 24, of St. Louis drowned Friday while swimming near Lagos, Nigeria, it was announced here.

Miss Corley was swimming with fellow Peace Corps worker Ralph Davidson of Upper Montclair, N.J., when they were both swept out to sea.

Although a strong swimmer, Davidson was not able to save Miss Corley because of a rough surf. The body was recovered about an hour later.

Miss Corley was pronounced dead following an hour of artificial respiration. Preliminary arrangements were made to return the body to the United States.

Henderson's departure noted in Congressional Record

The moving of E. B. Henderson, civic and civil rights leader, to Tuskegee, Ala., was noted in the congressional record in a speech by the Congressman William L. Dawson (D.-Mich.)

Congressman Dawson cited the long record of the 80-year-old Mr. Henderson former physical education teacher in promoting human rights in the District of Columbia. Mr. Henderson and his wife Mary Sam drove on the fatal night, are moving to Tuskegee to the home of a son.

"Thousands of persons, spanning three generations, have been inspired by Dr. and Mrs. Henderson in their tireless fight for the civil rights of all citizens," Rep. Dawson stated.

Mr. Henderson also received a resolution from the Faith Church City Council, where he has lived for the past 52 years. The resolution praised him for providing "an example of wisdom in the endless quest for human progress."

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DR. HENDERSON recently received a congratulatory letter from Vice President Hubert Humphrey at the 50th anniversary of the Fairfax County NAACP. Dr. Henderson was honored as the founder of the branch.

A native of Washington, D.C., Dr. Henderson was professional boxer as a youth, and eventually became a physical education teacher in the D.C. public schools. Prior to the 1954 integration of the schools, he was director of the colored physical education department.

He is the author of a book "The Negro in Sports," and was largely instrumental in integrating Washington's Uline Theater and the District's recreation program.

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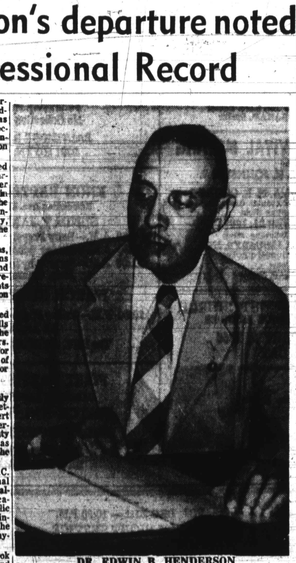
DR. HENDERSON is most widely known in the Washington area for his constant flow of letters to newspapers and public figures spotlighting civil rights problems and disparities.

In his remarks on the floor of the House, Rep. Dawson said Henderson's letters "contained some of the most perceptive comments on local state and national politics that have ever been printed."

"Few people epitomize so well the selflessness and dedication which give vitality to the principles of equality that are the backbone of this great nation," the Congressman said.

Dr. Henderson and his wife, the former principal of James Lee Elementary School in Falls Church, will be with their son, Dr. James Henderson, in Tuskegee. The younger Dr. Henderson is in cancer research at Tuskegee Institute.

Their other son is Dr. Edwin Henderson is a dentist in Washington, D.C.



DR. EDWIN B. HENDERSON (An earlier photo)

Clay says army is boss, calls Terrell a 'bandit

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UPI)— "The Army is the boss and I respect the laws of the land."

So said Heavyweight Champion Cassius Clay, Monday, when asked what his reaction would be if he were reclassified and made eligible for the draft.

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CLAY WAS originally rejected because he failed the mental examination two years ago and placed in Class I-V.

Clay, visiting his parents over the holidays, also dubbed heavyweight contender Ernie Terrell, "the Uncle Armed Bandit.

"You know why I call him that?" Clay asked. "Because he robbed the fight from Eddie Machen and stole the fight from George Chuvalo."

COLLEGES

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Fayetteville State College has been awarded approximately $83,830 by the United States Office of Education to conduct a Summer Institute for advanced Study in English for elementary teachers, it has been announced by President Rudolph Jones. Supported under the National Defense Education Act, Title XI, the Institute will offer courses in grammar and composition, children's literature and the teaching of reading for a period of seven weeks from June 13 to July 29, 1966.

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DAYTON, BEACH, Fla. — John Senets, assistant field director, American Red Cross with the 8th Radio Research Unit at Phu Bai, South Vietnam, praised and congratulated Bethune - Cookman College students for Christmas cards sent to service men in that area. About a month ago the students, in an effort to show their appreciation for American servicemen, sent individual greetings to Vietnam through the local branch of the American Red Cross.