"I am a man of peace; God knows how I love peace. But I hope I shall never be such a coward as to mistake oppression for peace."
—Hungarian Freedom Fighter Kossuth.

Prayer Of The Week

Give judgment for me, O God, and decide my cause against an unholy people; from unjust and deceitful men deliver me. Amen.

Good Beginning

So far, Gov. J. Millard Tawes and Adj. Gen. Thomas B. Finan are out head on the changes to be expected in the wake of the disturbing report on the Baltimore Police Department by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

No sooner had Atty. Gen. Finan indicated the scope and severity of the complaints on administration that Gov. Tawes acted on his committee's recommendation that Commissioner Schmidt be retired.

Both his retirement and that of Chief Inspector J. George Murphy will become effective on Feb. 3.

Though the AFRO long has expressed its displeasure with the leadership the department has had, this newspaper does not attempt to put all the blame on Commissioner Schmidt's shoulders.

Mismanagement in the affairs of the police department goes back a long time and those who have had the power to do something about the situation have tolerated it, sometime to the point of encouraging it.

There have been studies before and for the most part they have been ignored.

Everybody knew there were things wrong in the department. Here again is proof that to overlook some wrongs is to encourage still others.

Everybody knew of the illegal arrests of citizens without warrants and rudeness of some policemen in talking to bystanders; about unlawfully detaining and gang-questioning of suspects.

Where these things are tolerated, so are other unwholesome doings.

We simply had driffed to the point where the department's shortcomings were beginning to threaten the safety of the community as a whole.

Baltimore is the kind of city that need not have a terribly high crime rate. A very low percentage of its people are crime prone and with effective police work this segment can be kept under control.

Capable and progressive leadership, from the outside, plus community-wide support—these are the keys to a brighter future.

That is why we are impressed by the start Gov. Tawes and Atty. Gen. Finan have made.

Inner-City Horse Stable

The Zoning Board has found that the horse stable in the 800 block N. Castle St. has been in that area so long that it cannot be forced to leave under preseht zoning restrictions.

With this ruling in the records, it is not certain what the health or sanitation department will be able to do about the problem but the AFRO certainly hopes action can and will be taken.

Any one who has ever been around horses and stables understands why the mothers of the Horse Stable Committee are complaining about.

"Stifling, unsanitary and unbearable," the women say of the stable.

They have become so frustrated that now they are considering delivering some of what they protest against down to Mayor McKeldin at his office—in hopes of getting more sympathy.

If it is impossible for the city to get rid of the stable completely at this time, there should be no reason why the place cannot be kept spotlessly clean.

There also is no reason why police cannot see that some of the complained about talk and disorder cease at once.

The women of the committee say It's summer time that's worse of all.

Officials should see that life is not made more miserable than necessary for these women and their families this summer.

The Back Pay Issue

When William O. Doub, the minimum wage Commission chairman, is not shedding tears over news stories Joseph A. Bush, commission director, is describing CORE spokesmen as "crack pots" and "riff - raff" bent on stirring up trouble and "interested only in picketing."

CORE's "sin" appears to have been its pressing of the Commission to change its interpretation of the vital ordinance entrusted to it for enforcement.

The differences between the civil rights group and the Commission crystalized last month around the issue of back pay due hotel workers here.

According to Mr. Doub, the policy of the Commission has been "to persuade employers" to follow the law, including the provisions concerning back pay, not to punish them by certifying their breaches of the ordinance.

Certification allows the State's Attorney to bring an action against a violator. A fine of $500 has been provided for by the ordinance.

In addition, certification would help individual employees in their private actions against errant employers who have underpaid them.

One excuse the Commission gives for not having certified any charges in the past is that no complaint has been filed calling for such action. The Commission has the right to act on behalf of an employee.

Everybody agrees that the ordinance in question is a weak one—that the employees it is supposed to protect put their jobs on the line when they venture forth to complain.

Needed amendments have been introduced to correct some of the shortcomings.

One of them would make it a crime for an employer to fire a worker for having filed a complaint. This is the least that is necessary to insure the implementation of the minimum wage law.

But all this is in the future. Meantime, a weak ordinance is made even weaker by those who insist on reading into it areas of discretion.

It is interesting to note that among the promises which have been made by the Commission is one which talks about getting "tough with employers."

The Commission presently is waiting for a legal opinion from the City Solicitor's office as to when, and under what circumstances, it can certify the complaints of workers.

It seems obvious that the Commission has delayed getting this opinion for the simple reason that it has not been terribly concerned about the matter of back pay.

The sooner the Commission gets on record as favoring back pay from firms that dilly - dally around, the easier will be its task of getting law violators to fall into line.

Back pay for the workers, who deserve every penny of it, will take the profit out of violations.

Miss Holden's Firing

There is a note of irony in the firing of Miss Ann Holden from her job with the Office of Equal Educational Opportunities, because, as her supervisors noted among their other reasons for releasing her, she had a tendency to allow her "emotional reactions" over civil rights, to cloud her judgement.

How strange it is indeed that an office — whose very name would indicate its concern in this area — would release an employee because that employee is too concerned. Strange indeed are the ways of government.

The treatment meted out to Miss Holden forces us to ask the question —what type of employee does the office want? Should the employee be anti - civil rights, or should he just not care about the issue one way or the other? Whatever the answer, it is clear that Miss Holden, a veteran of the civil rights wars, did not fit into the scheme of things.

The betrayal of this type of attitude on the part of the administrators of the office is reason to pause and wonder aloud whether the powers that rule it are for the cause, or against it.

The office blundered badly in firing Miss Holden and accusing her of being too emotional about civil rights. Little can be expected from an agency with such a narrow-minded attitude.

The Need Is Clear

The Maryland State Conference during the holidays called the present and proposed budgets failures in their purpose of meeting the needs of persons on welfare and reported the most glaring needs in the area of the rent allowances for foster care.

Cited were "independent and carefully documented" studies showing the welfare recipient paid an average of $24 on $20 monthly more for rent than was alloted him for that purpose.

M. Shakman Katz, conference president, said the proposed rent ceiling increase from $45 to $60 is a step in the right direction but does not solve the total problem.

Noting the number of foster care children will climb 600 from 8,400 to 9,100, the conference statement said the proposed $5 a month board rate for children 12 and under and of $10 for those over 12 "will in no way cover food, clothing, school expenses, laundry, cleaning, recreation and personal incidentals.

The proposed rates, the conference statement declared, "Were not realistic."

Mr. Katz pointed out that a 1964 recruitment drive for foster parents produced a flood of applicants but many withdrew when they were told of the low boarding care rates.

The conference said it hoped the Christmas spirit would continue to motivate Gov. Tawes, the budget director and taxpayers when the budget is acted upon.

The need is clear.

Cordiality Deserved

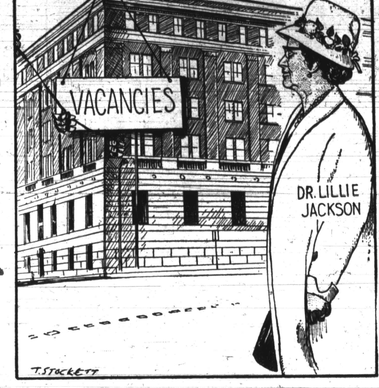
It has come to our attention that the clerks in the Marriage License Bureau downtown at times have a tendency to be less than cordial to some applicants.

Everyone has his bad days, times when its difficult to smile. But still, there is no need to be short tempered, no need to be nasty to those who come for their licenses.

After all, it is a big day in the lives of most of those who show up in room 142 of the Court House.

Why be gruff and put a black cloud over the blessed event? It is just as easy to be pleasant, if not easier, and start the new couple off with a sunny smile.

Wanted By Police: The Very Best



Our Readers Say:
Vietnam And Civil Rights

Dear AFRO:

The Baltimore News - American newspaper carried as front page news an A.P. dispatch playing up the disagreement between the NAACP and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), over the participation of colored persons in the Vietnam conflict.

Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP was quoted as saying "this organization disassociates itself" from the official SNCC statement, which, allegedly said: "Colored draftees are being called upon to stifle the liberation of Vietnam."

While it is quite obvious that the press of the nation looks with increasing disfavor upon any dissent from our current military engagement in Vietnam, it ought to be equally clear to all that the NAACP's actions usually stop at the waters' edge, while SNNC's activities are part of a worldwide struggle for the freedom and dignity of all peoples.

The fact that Floyd McKissick might wish to tie the claim of the SNCC in with other movements seeking to abate similar grievances, should come as no surprise to anyone who has followed the student rebellion.

If Mr. McKissick chooses to place the problem of poverty, which is the chief common denominator of the world's ills, into the frame - work of a small minority versus a large majority, because the latter happens to be helpless, that should not be novel.

To serve its purpose, the News - American (Jan. 8, last) seemed to want to place the dispute into the time-worn context of "divide and conquer." If this was its motive, it merely belies the attitude of people who view social justice as a desirable objective of organized human life, regardless of its geographic location.

For as John Doanne once said:

"No man is an island in itself; every man is a piece of a continent and a part of the main. Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind and seek therefore, not to know for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee."

JOHN W. NICHOLAS

Helped Children

Dear AFRO:

We wish to thank each and everyone who helped us to make more than 1300 children happy during the recent holidays.

Special thanks go to Shriner's Lodge No. 4 of 1307 Eutaw Pl.; to Mrs. Lena K. Lee, proprietor of the Biddle Theatre at 1235 E. Biddle St. for donation of the movie; and to Israel Baptist Church, Chester and Preston Sts.

Signed Little Workers of East Baltimore, Betty Jean Hallett, president; Mamie Reed, Grace Vance, Mary Vance, Beverly Cotillter, Mary Merriman, Shevrel Carter, Joyce Ward, Ducilla Jones, and Mrs. Irene Hallett, director.

International Problem

Dear AFRO:

We are forced with an international problem whereas the U.S. Government has refused to furnish the Government of Ghana 100 millions dollars in surplus food for her needy citizens and the black man's rights in America have become stagnant.

We as black Americans gave food indiscriminately to European, Asiatic and Latin American societies with our taxes.

We are demanding that the book on neo - colonization and colonialism written by President Nkruman should not be a media to restrict the surplus food.

As Germans killed over 6,000,000 Jews plus other Europeans and Americans and are still being given unrestricted aid by the U.S., the context of the book exposes the plight of the black man in Africa and it equalizes the plight of the black man in America. Read it.

The same sentiment holds that is choking the Africans' economy is choking the black man's in his respective communities in America.

The U.S. Government is being served notice that 40 million black people will not continue to pay for a segregated foreign policy. Also, that the traumatic voting in New York City in the recent mayoralty race only slightly suggests what changes in voting will take place throughout the U.S., if the foreign policy, arms race and civil rights are not equalized. A potential Watts situation exists in every city in the U.S.

The American people, who are restricting employment, must be told that their industries only survive because of the natural resources coming from Africa, and these resources are secured through the blood.

Pool your monies for co - operative business throughout the U.S. and get your freedom economically. Lynching, bombing, castration, germiciding, illegal arrest and seizure, police brutality, hypnosis, (Whitmore case), murder, stripping naked of black men and women, all these and other grievances of the black man are going to the U.N. where a recent resolution was passed, stating that any individual not receiving justice in their immediate countries, can bring their cases before the U.N. for investigation and dispensation.

If there is no justice in the U.N., there is so justice anywhere and the Watts situation will increase to settle the black man's legitimate grievances. And perhaps when it is all over we all can see how easily it is to live in peace, honesty, and Godliness.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FRIENDS.
SHIRLEY MAE.

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Political Notebook
Assembly Circus

By MAX JOHNSON

Lights and liquor are at the ready, Gov. Tawes' state of the state speech is under preparation, hands are being limbered for shaking, phony smiles tried on for size — Maryland's top circus is about to get under way.

The General Assembly begins a 70-day session this coming Wednesday in Annapolis.

And for a lot of the b'hoys and g'hirls—it's going to be their last.

Maryland voters will elect a new Assembly the coming November — with a new governor, attorney general, comptroller and congressmen.

Many seats will be snatched by disgusted voters who hopefully filled them four years ago — many more will be snatched by reapportionment.

ONE NEED not be an oracle to foresee hours of oratory on almost every conceivable topic —a waste of taxpayers' money in the printing of hundreds of silly bills destined for trash cans.

It'll be one big, long spotlight — and everybody will be trying to grab as much of it as possible for as long as somebody else will tolerate.

What legislation of desirable substance will be produced by this Assembly session falls in the realm of the type of predictions few, if any, sane persons are brave —or foolish —enough to make.

At this point —about the only thing that can be said with any degree of certainty in this respect is they are preparing to convene.

Anything else offered by way of foreseable results is pure speculation—and should be honestly labeled as such.

NATURE OF some of the hundreds of bills to be introduced present more firm ground for certainty.

Let's look briefly in that direction.

If somebody doesn't make another attempt to swipe a number of colored precincts in Baltimore's 4th District and add them to the 5th District — a lot of veteran observers will be surprised.

A combination of city political factions tried this at a special session last fall —with the aim of cutting the 4th's majority colored vote.

There's no reason to think they have changed their minds.

AND SHOULD sponsors of this move determine Assembly climate for its success unfavorable —some of the same aim might well be shifted in another direction.

Don't be overly surprised —if they try again with a general voter registration bill for Baltimore.

Murray Abramson, city House delegation chairman, killed one single - handedly last year —while under all sorts of pressure for its release for passage.

Mr. Abramson just kept the thing located in his bag.

This time —somebody just might swipe the Abramson bag and bill.

Getting voters back on the books is a costly, time - consuming project — and political machine brass, unhappy with too many independent - thinking voters in their areas, are well aware of this.

BILLS CAN be expected again, as at the the last session, to tighten the state's public accommodations law, extend the new fair employment practices law beyond state agencies —and to propose open housing legislation for Maryland.

Nobody knows at the moment to what extent any of them will be successful—if passed at all.

This is an outgoing Assembly, facing new conditions in this election year — so anything could happen.

Many, many of them are more vulnerable for reelection than heretofore —and they know it.

Yet, like past Assembly session, it's sure to be a circus of sorts —but, too, like those in the past, a very unfunny one.

Pin-Point
Police-Citizens Unit Grows Up

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

One sore spot which has persisted here for far too long has been the utter uselessness of the Western District Police - Citizen council.

On previous occasions we have found it necessary to air complaints of disgust, frustration and even anger at the way in which directors and members of the council have sat in tea-and-crumpet fashion and idled way valuable time indulging in sickening sessions of mutual admiration while the breach between the cop on the beat and citizen grew wider and wider.

It is therefore heartening now that the opportunity to sing the praises of the organization is upon us.

Put frankly, the council has grown up.

In the words of Lion-hearted Mrs. Mary N. Brooks who has complained long and loud about the tragic waste of time spent on "rubber stamping useless resolutions and suggestions—thrown together by a select group of members bent on furthering personal interests, —the council has "come alive."

Not the least instrumental in this happy turn of events is the new commander Capt. Dennis P. Mello.

Speaking briefly Wednesday Cpt. Mello hurled this unprecedent challenge to members and visitors at the monthly meeting:

"We challenge you to bring your grievances, your protests, and your complaints to us. We will neither attempt to hide anything from you nor give you excuses.

"We will —with your cooperation —put our best foot forward in trying to make the Western District a better place in which to live."

He was applauded wildly. No wonder.

It marked the first time in the near-decade of existence of the organization that the district's commander had taken such an uncompromising stand on issues which should concern the council.

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CONTINUING THE spirit of the New Era at Western, Mrs. Brooks, principal of the Harlem Park Elementary School, stood by Wednesday and voiced a concern of her own which was to determine whether the organization was ready —indeed willing —to face its moment of truth:

"It is time for us to cut out this mutual admiration business and get down to brass tacks. I want to know what this organization is going to do about the disgraceful incident in our district where police broke into the home of a respectable and decent citizen causing her embarrassment and humiliation? I want to know what are we going to about it? It's in our district!"

For a fleeting moment all eyes were glued on Mrs. Brooks.

(This was in reference to the Jan. 5 raid on the home of Mrs. Beasie Smith, 1900 block Ruxton Ave., where Headquarters Racket Squad policemen smashed the window in her home, while she and her nieces were at work and school. Mrs. Smith is a veteran teacher and member of an old line Baltimore family.)

Mrs. Pierce Barany, principal of the Upton School, where Mrs. Smith teaches, stood up.

"Today it's Mrs. Smith's home. Tomorrow, it'll be that of somebody else. Next day it will be yours or mine.

We should take a stand.

They did.

The group, by voice vote, adopted a resolution to send a letter to all new media condemning the action, which Mrs. Barany described as "a terrible thing."

For observers who have watched the organization throughout its existence, this was against step. But it wasn't through.

Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, director, who presided, made a motion that "we go on record in support of the fair housing ordinance" now before the City Council.

"We should send a telegram to all City Councilmen letting them know we stand squarely behind this measure and want it passed into law."

A chorus of "second" gushed from the audience in assembly room. The group had grown up.

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ACCORDING TO Mesdames Brooks and Armstrong this is only the beginning. Future plans include floating the meetings to areas where the services and purpose of the organization are needed most, they promised.

Staggering meeting hours, which will enable working people to attend the sessions and addressing themselves to problems and grievances plaguing residents will be given top priority, the official said.

"We are getting on the ball," Captain Mello smiled at the meeting came to an obviously satisfactory conclusion.

For one of the few times in this critic's long association with the Police Department, no room could be found for disagreemnet.

They are.

Business and Labor

By STERLING A. PAIGE

workers at places which only recently brought their pay scales up to the required minimum standards has aroused the ire of unions in this city.

Unions are now determined to push for pay differential due workers from time new wage law went into effect.

Workers involved are employed by four downtown hotels.

SMALL RETAIL store operators would do well to take note of situation in Baltimore where an organization is being criticized for offering fuel to poor residents at a cost less than they are paying in neighborhood stores.

Fact that store owners are unhappy about situation brings into focus the need for small businesses which thrive on the poverty people to do more to bring their prices within range of these people's means.

The cry of small retailers that supermarkets and shopping centers are squeezing the little man out of business is a valid one.

However, the responsibility rests upon the businessman, himself, to do something about the situation other than to bemoan his condition.

No large business can give the personal service and attention to customers that a small individually - owned business can.

With this advantage, the small retailer must find means to bring his prices a little more in line with those of chains.

This can be accomplished by mass or co - operative buying and by a planned reduction of operation costs and small losses.

There are ways and you must find them.

People Count

Now that New Yorkers are riding again after almost two weeks of inconvenience caused by the transportation workers strike, tempers of citizens are still high over loss of working time and high business losses.

As predicted here last week, labor troubles in New York served as object lesson in staving off similar walk - outs in two Virginia key cities, Richmond and Norfolk.

After seeing confusion and anti - labor feelings aroused by the New York strike, feeling is that labor leaders passed word to chiefs of the Virginia transport workers' unions: "Don't let it happen."

Intransigent action by Mike Quill and his union cohorts in the northern metropolis scored another strike against labor's move for repeal of 14b of Taft-Hartley.

The public can be grossly unconcerned about situations until it feels the pinch of such actions. Then an aroused citizenry adopts a hostile attitude toward those responsible and such hostility can only hurt the cause of labor.

Opponents of repeal of the "right-to - work" clause have gained more Congressional support as result of the strike that caused millions of dollars in losses to N.Y. workers and businesses.

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THE DECISION of Baltimore's Minimum Wage Commission not to press for back pay balances due

AFRO Credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of public—except to expose corruption and condemn injustice and prejudice, or propaganda.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR. — 1920

—Free pupil, beaten in cell

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ish, confirmed this pointing out that "I have known that youngster all his life and he is a fine boy."

His printing teacher, George Johnson, who said Clarence had not been to school since the Christmas for him," adding, "especially since he said he had done nothing. I think he was named because he was in the crowd when this thing is supposed to have happened," the mother told the AFRO.

Mr. DeKowzan said Roberson and three other youths were charged — the complaint of Nathan Johnson. They were:

Chester E. Morrison, 17, 2800 block Clifton Ave.

Al Jackson, 18, 2200 block Walbrook Ave.

Fred L. Eason, 17, 1800 block Braddish Ave.

They were accused of taking a watch, radio, and $9 in cash from Johnson. However, following the prosecuting witness's appearance before the grand jury, the panel refused to indict the accused youngsters, Mr. DeKowzan reported.

Mrs. Roberson said her son did not recognize her when she picked him up Tuesday. After she carried him home, Clarence went to the Morrison youngster's home where he became uncontrollable a short time afterwards.

Northwestern District policemen were called, Mrs. Roberson reported and Clarence was taken to Southwestern District where examining psychiatrists admitted him to the hospital.

According to the jail warden young Roberson spent his entire stay at the prison in the infirmary "for his own protection."

Warden Schonfield presented a stack of neatly-arranged medical records which showed that the teenager had been treated several times during his confinement and had been described as showing "symptoms of mental disturbance."

CAPT. Alvin S. Tachterman, captain of the guard on the 11 p.m. — 7 a.m. to 6 a.m., said shortly after he arrived for work Jan. 3, one of his guards was attracted by noise in one of the cells.

He said Roberson was sprawled on the cell floor bleeding from a wound of the head and wrist and his cellmate — a 17 - year - old defendant, accused of attempted rape and confined to jail for 48 days — was standing over the youth with a table in his hands. He did not explain how the table got in the cells.

The cellmate was put in the "hole" and Roberson was taken to the infirmary, Captain Tachterman reported.

He added that the youth's assailant was held in strict detention only one night and admitted that "I hated to punish him."

Asked why, he answered that he "had reason to believe "the injured youth started the fight. Capt Tachterman said he reached this conclusion "because Roberson was bigger.

Neither he nor Warden Schonfield could explain what caused the fight.

Meanwhile Mrs. Roberson, mother of six children, the youngest of whom is Clarence, wants "to know what really happened to my child while he was in that cell?"

Efforts to determine the condition of Roberson were non - productive.

Mrs. Hershey who identified herself as "the person in charge", refused to give information on the patient.

"You have to call his doctor tomorrow," Mrs. Hershey told the AFRO.

-Butcher

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ago, didn't quite believe Alston but decided to meet him anyhow.

But when Alston gave him vivid details of cutting up his wife's body, Cook was forced to believe him.

Alston told him he had became enraged over a tip he had received from a "friend" concerning his wife.

The friend advised him to leave work early and go home because he would find out something about his wife.

When Alston sneaked into the apartment he found his wife talking on the telephone but when he tried to grab the instrument from her, the caller had hung up and she refused to identify the person.

During the argument that followed, according to Cook, Alston said his wife hit him with a heavy iron object that caused him to lose his temper.

Alston grabbed a razor sharp butcher knife, according to homicide detectives, and began methodically butchering his wife—first he sliced off her head—then one arm—the legs were next and then he cut her heart out.

Detectives believe that Alston cleaned the basement after cutting up his wife because there was very little blood spattered around.

The AFRO learned that Alston is a butcher by profession.

-Weaver

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the highest level of integrity and ability to stimulate a genuine team spirit. I have found him to be a deep thinker and a quiet but articulate man of action. He is as well-versed in the urban needs of America as any man I know."

"I believe him to be exactly the right man to pursue the goal of bringing the full measure of the great society to our urban areas and of carrying forward the major new urban programs that I will propose to the Congress in the near future," the President said.

He said the nomination would be sent to the Senate today (Friday) for confirmation.

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PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S request for Congressional approval of a new cabinet - level Department of Housing and Urban Affairs was rejected several years ago after he announced that he would name Weaver as its secretary.

Weaver was appointed to the Housing and Home Finance Agency by Kennedy after having held several top housing positions in New York.

CARDINAL SHEHAN

-King backs

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lature convened on Monday by a vote of 185 to 9.

King said Tuesday the barring of Bond was a "grave injustice," and had "obvious racial overtones." He defended Bond by saying, "The right to dissent, like the right to worship, is indelibly etched into the framework of this nation's democratic government."

Concerning his Vietnam position, King said the war "is bad for our nation and the world" and said, "we should go all out for a negotiated settlement."

"I HAVE never encouraged anyone to evade the draft," King said "But if persons feel they cannot serve in the Armed Forces, then they have a right to become conscientious objectors and have alternative service.

"I think it would be a wonderful thing if our government would declare civil rights activities as being an acceptable alternate," King said.

When King announced his plans for a protest march to the capitol Friday, he was reminded the legislature will not be in session that day. But he said, "This will not interfere with the protest." He said there would be preliminary picketing while the legislature is in progress.

King also said this situation would not divert him from his current civil rights campaign in Chicago, and that he will continue to spend about three days a week in Chicago.

—Denies killing

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children from me."

After sending the older of her two other children into "another room to watch television," Mrs. Evans told police, her plan to conceal the baby began taking shape.

"I went downstairs and borrowed some black thread from Mrs. Rice. I opened the cushion, put her in there and sewed it up.

"I sat around trying to think up a lie."

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THE STORY of the 'Missing Baby' began unfolding the last of October when Sgt. Whyte went to the Stricker St. home to investigate a complaint of child neglect, according to testimony before Judge Watts.

Sgt. Whyte said when she arrived at the house, Mrs. Evans was holding one child on her lap and had the other one beside her.

"I asked where the third child was," Sgt. Whyte testified. "We went to the crib on the third floort. It and an empty bed were filthy."

Mrs. Whyte told the court that Mrs. Evans pointed to a window and told her that somebody had taken the baby. After questioning the mother further, Mrs. Whyte said she filed a missing person report and returned to search the house the next morning in company with Policewoman Beverly Summers.

When she began searching the house, Sgt. Whyte testified, Mrs. Evans was "very cooperative." As the search under what the veteran policewoman termed "a bushel of filthy clothes" progressed, the mother took an overstuffed cushion from a dilapidated sofa and casually tossed it against the wall.

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THROUGHOUT the 12-day search the cushion remained against the wall, where it became the center of attraction for Patrolman Wayne McKenna, on one of his daily visits to the house.

Officer McKenna said he opened the cushion after noticing a dampness around it and detecting a foul odor. The child was found neatly stuffed between the springs and packing of the pillow, Patrolman McKenna testified.

The Medial Examiner's office ruled that death was caused by strangulation and listed marks on the baby's neck as evidence of murder.

At the conclusion of the statement, Mrs. Evans was asked how did she plan to keep the child's body concealed.

"I didn't think about it," she answered. I didn't think quire her to enter plea.

nothing about that.

"I'm sorry that I did it."

Mrs. Evans did not testify and Judge Watts did not quire her to entire a plea.

The mother will stand trial in Criminal Court following action by the grand jury.

—Housing bill aired

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boisterious affair.

With William D. Schaefer (5th D), chairman, Council's Judiciary Committee, presiding and all but two of the councilmen present, proponents and opponents were allotted one hour each. Then where desiring to speak individually for three minutes each, until the 10:45 p.m. adjournment

Except for the presence of Cardinal Shehan to urge passage of the ordinance, the hearing was a carbon copy of practically all held here on housing within the past few years.

With some exceptions, notably new organizational strength favoring passage of the measure, the proponents said virtually the same things, the opponents repeated what they had said before.

The former argued that fair housing is a necessary, moral right for the good of the city as a whole. The opposition contended this legislation would be taking away the rights of whites and giving them to colored citizens.

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CARDINAL SHEHAN, a smallish man who had stood patiently before the speakers' microphone while waiting for the boos to subside, had this warning for the opposition:

"It would be a matter of entire community, should the explosive potential of the ghetto produce targedies here such as have torn asunder other major communities.

"I pledge you my support and the support of the Archdiocese of Baltimore in encouraging the passage of similar legislation in the political subdivisions surrounding our beloved city."

Mr. Rouse, floor leader for the proponents, noted that his own Greater Baltimore Committee had previously opposed this type of legislation, but now favored it strongly.

He called 15 speakers for the ordinance within the one-hour time limit, and presented a list of 41 other organizations —urging its passage.

Among the speakers were: Bishop Harry Lee Doll, Episcopal Diocese of Maryland; Dr. Furman L. Templeton, chairman, Federation of Civil rights Organizations; Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Washington area Methodist Church, and Rabbi Abraham Shusterman, Baltimore Board of Rabbis.

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OPPOSITION SPEAKERS, included representatives of the Maryland Petition Committee, a long known segregationist outfit; a member of the Real Estate Board of Greater Baltimore (another member spoke in favor of the ordinance; Taxpayers Interest League, and those from some neighborhood associations.

All in all, over 40 persons on both sides were given an opportunity to express their opinions.

When it was all over, Mr. D'Alessandro, who had hinted earlier he had the necessary 11 votes for passage of the ordinance through the 21-man Council, was asked what he foresaw.

"I'm going to be awfully close," he told the AFRO.

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Cash; balances with banks, and cash items in process of collection	$ 4,916,048.72
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	35,170,732.59
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	17,299,925.55
Real estate mortgage loans	160,946,809.63
Other loans and discounts	24,722,327.00
Bank premises owned.....$905,703.78, furniture and fixtures 161,095.42	1,066,799.20
Real estate owned other than bank premises	24,215.89
Other assets	8,120,822.50
TOTAL ASSETS	$247,267,770.88

LIABILITIES

Savings and other time deposits	$230,629,648.53
Demand deposits	7,414,576.35
TOTAL DEPOSITS ..$238,037,224.88	
Other liabilities	3,663,921.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$231,701,146.24

SURPLUS ACCOUNTS

Guaranty Fund	$ 11,500,000.00
Undivided profits	4,066,624.64
TOTAL SURPLUS ACCOUNTS	15,566,624.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS ACCOUNTS	$247,267,770.88

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