Father's friend given 713 years

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Arthur Johnson, 50, 1000 block S. Hanover St., who confessed he helped a father burn his house and his seven children "because he was a friend of mine" just missed getting Maryland's supreme penalty, the gas chamber, by a hairbreadth, Tuesday.

Instead, Judge Albert Sklar, sitting in Criminal Court, imposed life sentences for each of the dead children, seven in all.

He also gave Mr. Johnson 20 years for arson. Although five of the life sentences run consecutively, the time imposed adds up to 713 years.

The first two life sentences are to run consecutive to each other and to the 20 years.

Totaling 218 straight years in the penitentiary, this portion of the sentence, according to Judge Sklar, is to show any future parole officers before whom Johnson may come that he is to stay in prison as long as he lives.

At this point Judge Sklar noted that he would have imposed the death sentence except that Johnson's medical records show he suffers some brain damage from alcoholism, a venereal disease and a bump on the head.

The first two life sentences imposed are on behalf of Gary Smith, age 2, and Darlene Smith, age 8.

The other five life sentences to run concurrently are for flaming deaths suffered by the other dead Smith children, Janet 1; Vivian, 13; Annette, 6; Timothy, 7 and Kevin, 4.

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JOHNSON was found guilty of murder and arson while in the company of the father, Kenard Smith, 39, at his home in the 2600 block E. Oliver St., Dec. 1, 1964.

The tragedy that cost the seven Smith children their lives 14 months ago startled the city.

Witnesses testifying at Johnson's trial identified him as one of two men who picked up three five - gallon cans at two separate places and then purchased gasoline at a North Ave. and Chester St. filling station about 4 p.m.

Johnson, unemployed because of disability, said he helped by carrying one the 5 - gallon cans of gasoline and poured the contents in the vestibule of the house.

Asked by the judge why he did not leave to report the incident, or at least refuse to be a part of the crime, Johnson stated, "He (Smith) was a friend of mine."

Smith, in the penitentiary now on an 18 - year sentence for another crime, the slaying of his girlfriend the October before the fire, still awaits trial for the house burning.

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SUPREME bench psychiatrists have adjudged him sane in the stabbing death of the woman. However, they reported to the court that he was insane at the time of the fire that consumed seven of his 11 children.

In earlier testimony before the court, he testified he wanted to burn his house down to thus kill his wife whom he blamed for the incident of the girlfriend.

In December, 1964, while in City Jail, Smith was rescued from a 24 - foot high post as he attempted to commit suicide.

Before the end of this month, February, he is scheduled for a new indictment under the new court rule for swearing - in procedures.

The wife, Mrs. Marian Smith, 42, had moved to another house the day of the fire. She and the two children with her thus escaped death.

The other two surviving children, Antonio, 15, and Kennard, 16, in the basement at the time, also escaped death.

Driver of bus in death is unknown

A 15 - year - old Dunbar High School sophomore was struck and killed — apparently unknowingly — by a Baltimore Transit Company driver in the snow - clogged 1300 block of Aisquith St. Monday night.

Darnell Ashe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ashe, 1712 Harford Ave., was pronounced dead on arrival at Johns Hopkins Hospital at 6 p.m.

The well - liked young student was struck as he walked in the roadway on Aisquith St. about eight feet south of Hoffman St., accident investigations said.

Young Ashe's body slid under the bus, which witnesses were unable to pinpoint by bus number or registration tags, according to police reports.

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THE Accident Investigation Division said that the identity of the bus and driver has not been determined, due to the erratic schedules the buses were following that day.

When the investigation — which is still continuing — is completed, automobile manslaughter charges will be filed against the driver.

The bus was traveling south on Aisquith St. when the accident occurred about 5:30 p.m. Ashe was taken to Hopkins Hospital by ambulance.

The youth was in the 10th grade at Dunbar, where he was an avid sports enthusiast.

His funeral will be held Sunday at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Enfield, N.C., where he was born and raised and where many of the Ashe family relatives still reside.

In addition to his parents, Frank and Corine Ashe, the student is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Bernice Cunningham, Mrs. Betty Randolph and Amanda Ashe, 13; two brothers, James Ashe, 22, and Parnell Ashe, 7, and by four grandparents who reside in North Carolina.

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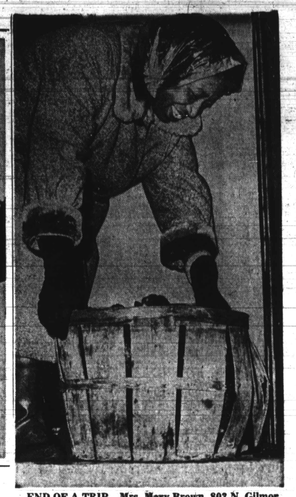
IN—THEN OUT—Students enrolled at Junior High School made their way through snow on Thursday but it was all for naught when it was discovered that the fuel was at a level not sufficient to properly heat the school, located at Whitmore Ave. and Mosher St. near Lafayette. The pupils kept their coats on for a while and then were permitted to return to their homes. (AFRO Staff Photo by Phillips)



END OF A TRIP—Mrs. Mary Brown, 803 N. Gilmor St., tugs a bushel basket of coal into her home after walking four blocks through the snow to replenish her diminishing fuel supply. Her regular coal man could not get through the snow to deliver at her house.

Coal still key weapon in battle of the 'cold war'

By ROGER NISSLY

It gets cold out there, and the snow either makes people realize it all the more or it puts an undeniable frost on the houses that must be remedied.

From the houses that are still heated by coal — and there are many more than one would think, a fact attested to by the flourishing winter business of local coal-yards — the residents come in an unending stream to buy one or two bushels of the fuel at a time (or even half a ton if they can scrape together the money).

Husbands stop on the way home from work to pick up a bushel of coal to help tide the family over the cold night ahead.

Youngsters strain to pull a basket of the warmth-giving stuff (weighing about 90 pounds) on a sled.

Shivering matrons appear after the last delivery truck has gone out and try to bargain with teenagers to carry the 90 - pound bushel to their homes a few blocks away and hear: "You must be crazy, ma'am."

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ONE YOUNGSTER, no more than four feet tall, who has been sent by his mother tries to drag a bag more than six blocks to his home.

A ton of coal costs $22.65—a price that is beyond the range of many of those who need it.

A bushel costs $1 (10 cents extra if you don't have your own basket), but the shiny black crystals are worth almost as much as food to those who bargain for them.

Elmer Reichenback owns and runs the Superior Fuel Co. at 1201 N. Gilmor St.: "We don't expect to have everyone's business, but we would like to have yours."

For Mr. Reichenback, the days since the snow began have been busy ones. "We are two days behind on our orders."

Especially Saturday. Saturday is always a big day — people have been paid, they buy coal piecemeal, when they can, when they have the money.

But last Saturday — with the snow — business was even heavier than usual. The coalyard was open four hours past its usual closing time around 7 p.m.

In the last few days not all of those who came to the Superior Fuel Co.—"Quality Coal - Fuel Oil - Kerosenes"—were used to buying coal a bushel at a time (the amount that can keep a

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4 arrested on lottery charges

Preliminary hearings in Northwestern Municipal Court for a teletypesetter operator and a printer have been set for 3 p.m. Feb. 25.

Mrs. Gertrude Richardson Jenkins, 38, 3500 block Forest Park Ave., and Milton H. Boardley, 35, 3800 block Rolandview Ave., were arrested on warrants during a lottery raid Jan. 25 on the Forest Park Ave. address.

Mrs. Jenkins, the teletypesetter operator, and Mr. Boardley, a printer, along with two others picked up, are free on $1,000 bail each.

Also arrested in the raid, led by Lt. William Rochford of the Headquarters Racket Squad, were Joseph Scales, 27, of the Forest Park Ave. address, and Morris Meyer, 62, 2500 block Steele Rd.

The raid conducted on a search and seizure warrant, followed after police put the house under surveillance for several days, Lt. Rochford said.

Police council to hear judge

Mrs. Mary Brooks, publicity chairman for the Western District Police Community Relations Council, has announced that the group is preparing to release a brochure on its activities soon.

Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. the Council will hold a meeting open to the public at Providence Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave. at Fremont, with Judge Albert Sklar as guest speaker.

New registration dates at Morgan

Morgan State College registration dates for the second semester have been changed because of the weather.

New dates announced this week are:

Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 7, 8 for freshmen; Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 9, 10 for upperclassmen, evening and graduate students.

Classes will resume at Morgan on Feb. 11.

Crownsville aids get chief's thanks

Superintendent George McK. Phillips, of Crownsville State Hospital, has thanked the many employees who worked around the clock to provide coverage and services needed during the snow emergency.

The spontanity and enthusiasm demonstrated by all levels of employees, required only encouragement from the administration.

The patients likewise, responded and assisted in everyway to keep down incidents and problems, Dr. Phillips said.

Let's all VOTE

REGISTER NOW

near-miss mayor, to speak at Morgan

Representative Carl B. Stokes, of Cleveland, Ohio, the first colored Democrat ever elected to the Ohio Legislature, will come to Morgan State College, as the fourth politician - in - residence, Feb. 22 - 24, 1966.

November, 1965, the Ohio Democrat narrowly lost his bid for the mayorship. of Cleveland by 2,143 votes. Had he been successful, Representative Stokes would have become the first colored mayor of a major American city.

The public is invited to hear Mr. Stokes at the following public sessions: Tuesday, Feb. 22 — 8 p.m. — McKeldin Student Union; Wednesday, Feb. 23 — 10 a.m. — Holmes Hall — Room 100.

47 registered this week

Who should register.

Those persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more—and are not yet registered to vote.

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

Hours you can register—Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Total registered for Nov., 1960 election 105,306.

Total registered for May, 1962 primary, 115,761.

Registered this week period, 47.

Total registered for Nov., 1964 election 132,687.

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Thursday	7	3	1
Friday	13	1	0
Monday—closed snow	0	0	0
Tuesday	10	1	0
Wednesday	7	4	0
Totals	37	9	1

WHITE HOUSE ANSWER is held by Hazel Frazier, 11, after she wrote to the President asking for one of the puppies born to the Johnson family's Beagle-hound. The pups, however, had already been given to friends and members of the Johnson family.

Letter from L. B. J.

Hazel Frazier, 11 years old and a sixth grader at the Henry G. Garnet Elementary School, read a news article recently announcing the birth of puppies to President Johnson's Beagle hound.

A letter was written to the President telling how Hazel had urged her mother, Mrs. Geneva Frazier, to vote for the President in 1964 and how much Hazel felt TBJ should be commended for responding as quickly as he did during the period after President Kennedy's death.

The little girl also asked if she could have one of the pups.

Shortly after, the White House responded that the puppies had all been given to the Johnson family and said in part, "how touched the Johnsons were" at Hazel's interest in the puppies. They sent her their "very best wishes" and regretted that the new Beagles had all been spoken for.

Freedom for proofreader is fleeting

An unemployed proofreader, Lawrence Straughn, 30, 2500 block Lafayette Ave., who won a six and a - half - year suspended sentence in Criminal Court Friday, is back in trouble.

Straughn, who was released by Judge James A. Perrott following conviction of "breaking and entering a House of God" (the St. Marks Institutional Baptist Church), was arrested 2:30 p.m. Monday.

Patrolman Anthony Williams told Municipal Court Judge Howard A. Aaron he found Straughn in the Calverton Junior High School where he had been cornered by custodial workers, who discovered the break - in.

Judge Aaron ordered the defendant to undergo psychiatric examinations at the Southwestern District.

Following examinations Tuesday by court specialists, Straughn, who lives only a few blocks from the school, was committed to the Clifton Field State Hospital indefinitely.

Housewife finds bacon is expensive

Municipal Court Judge Joseph G. Finerty imposed a stiff sentence Wednesday on a housewife convicted of shoplifting.

Sitting in Northwestern Court, Judge Finnerty sentenced Mrs. Marvas G. Smith, 22, 700 block W. Lafayette Ave., to 90 days in jail and imposed a $50 fine.

She was convicted of stealing a pound of bacon and a pound of ground beef.

He suspended the sentence providing Mrs. Smith pay the fine through the Probation Department within 30 days. He also placed her on probation for 18 months.

Angered by what he called "common thievery," Judge Finnerty expressed amazement when Charles B. Dixon, bail bondsman, who posted bail, testified the defendant's husband earns $250 per week.

"The real horror of this five and dime pilferage is the fact that it's costing society millions of dollars a year.

"Because of common crooks like you, businessmen lose $2½ billion a year. It's getting so bad that nothing can be sold at the regular price.

"There is a 10 percent mark - up on every single item to cover this staggering loss, the jurist declared angrily.

"The only thing that commends you to mercy is the fact that you have no prior record," he said while ordering the jail term suspended.

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MRS. SMITH denied taking the items, but admitted, "I was an accomplice."

She explained that she and another woman entered the food market in the 3800 block Liberty Heights Ave. and she opened her bag so the other woman could put the items in it.

Paul Diamond, co - owner, testified Mrs. Smith's companion emptied several items from a second bag before store detectives could reach her.

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'Chinaman' Kennedy gets 12 years in Pen on dope

Charles (Chinaman) Kennedy, 1900 Block Linden Ave., quoted as being "one of the worst dope peddlers in the city" has been sentenced to 12 years in the Penitentiary.

On Wednesday Mr. Kennedy appeared in Criminal Court on two narcotics sales counts and one charge for assaulting Western District Police Officer R. J. Zimmerer on Nov. 13.

The heroine sales occurred in October and early November on Pennsylvania Ave. between Mosher and Hoffman Sts., witnesses testified.

Before Judge Joseph Carter pronounced sentence, Capt. Joseph Carroll, chief of the Narcotics Division, told the court: "He is one of the worst peddlers in the city. The only time he doesn't peddle is when he's in jail."

Judge Carter imposed a 10 - year sentence upon Mr. Kennedy as a second offender. The 2 - year term, to be served consecutively, was for assault upon the officer.

Moylan renews gun control plea

"There are still opponents to a statewide gun bill who speculate on the imagined inconvenience to some possible hunter or collector.

"The bloodshed on the streets of Baltimore, however, is neither imaginary nor speculative, but something here and now, and that need not exist but for the failure of our law to do something about it."

Charles E. Moylan Jr., Baltimore state's attorney, issued that challenge to state legislators this week, while urging them to hail the tide of wholesale murder by adopting a statewide gun control law.

The prosecutor said that 2 murders have been committed in Baltimore since July 1 with guns purchased in Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties.

Mr. Moylan singled out Del. Angelo Fianiano (D., 3rd), Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D., 4th), and Del. Leonard Blondes — of Montgomery County for their vigorous support of gun - control legislation.

Snow wedding tip earns $10 prize for alert reader

The alert reader who called the AFRO City Desk to report the wedding in the snow which was highlighted in our Tuesday edition is $10 richer this week.

Others who shared the week's $50 newsin jackpot were FIRST to report the death of a minister, a fire, goodwill efforts of a neighborhood, and a variety of stories about people and the blizzard.

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African Ambassador Talks Here Sunday

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Nursing Home Women Fired in Wage-Hike Hassle

WOMEN PROTESTING FIRINGS AT NURSING HOME TALK WITH AFRO STAFF WRITER

By LYNN ALLEN

About 10 women who claimed they were fired from a small West Baltimore nursing home because the owner refused to pay them a $1 minimum wage have vowed to picket the home until they are rehired or the place closes.

The women, formerly, employed as cooks, nurse's aides and housekeepers at the Linden Memorial Nursing Home, 27 N. Carey, said some had been receiving wages as low 30 to 35 cents an hour.

THEY SAID the owner Asa Wessels, called them into his office and paid them off Wednesday afternoon, stating he could not afford to pay them the $1 minimum wage intended to nursing home employes by the City Council Monday.

The new wage rate becomes effective as soon as Mayor McKeldin signs the bill.

Under the leadership of Tom Riley, a field secretary of national CORE, the women decided to picket the home to protest the firings.

They were joined by at least two other workers who were not fired but said they refused to return to their jobs in sympathy with the protest.

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MR. WESSELS told the AFRO, however, that only four employes had been fired and two had left because they found better positions elsewhere.

He called the demonstration "ridiculous" and charged the pickets were shouting "obscene language." He said he was conferring with his attorneys on possible action to take to halt the demonstration.

"We've had this place for 13 years," Wessels said, "and we've never had any trouble before. My door has

—See Wage fight, Page 21

Liquor fighters ready to picket

The date has been set—Sunday, March 6—and on that day Cherry Hill liquor protesters will converge to picket the home of Mrs. Leah Molofsky, who has gained a license for a package goods store in the Cherry Hill Shopping Center

Expecting at least "a busload of pickets," Mrs. Sarah J. Bundy, president of the Cherry Hill Coordinating Council, said that the residents already have gotten the support of many groups, including CORE, the NAACP and improvement associations.

Purpose of going into Mrs. Molofsky's neighborhood for the picketing, Mrs. Bundy said, was "to let her know how it feels to be invaded without the consent of the people."

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ON THE SAME day, the offices of Edward A. Myerberg and Co., owners of the Shopping Center, will also be picketed.

The Myerberg Co., which also owns and rents much housing in Cherry Hill, grants the leases for the specific stores in the Shopping Center.

Mrs. Bundy said the company would be picketed to "let the owners, who also rent property in Cherry Hill, know our position. And we feel they should go along with the wishes of the people."

She pointed out that the company could refuse to lease a store to be used as a liquor outlet to Mrs. Molofsky.

THE LICENSE was granted to Mrs. Molofsky after Judge James K. Cullen upset a Liquor Board ruling which has denied the license on the basis of strong protest.

Mrs. Bundy said that the Northwest, Fairfield and Mt. Winans Improvement Associations had lent their support to the protest and promised to help picket, along with the Baptist Ministers Conference, the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance and area churches.

Monday night, the Coordinating Council will hold a meeting at 2700 Spellman Rd. at 9 p.m. to help gather support for the picketing campaign.

City probe may lead to charges

The wage dispute which has resulted in protest demonstrations at the Lincoln Memorial Nursing Home, unit block N. Carey St., has led to a sweeping investigation which is expected to lead to official charges, the AFRO learned late Thursday.

Western District Police Sgt. George T. Hughes and Bureau of Building Inspectors launched the investigation Wednesday evening, checking for health, building code and safety regulations violations.

Two other homes in the vicinity connected to Lincoln Memorial are operating without licenses, it was reported.

They are the Parkview, next door to Lincoln and Zion Rest Home, 1200 block W. Fayette St., each having a patient population of approximately 20 to 30 people, the probers reported.

The investigation is continuing.

Peace, rights groups to hold rally here

A Lincoln's Day rally bringing together members of local civil rights and peace groups to discuss common action will be held in the Howard Room at the Civic Center, Saturday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Speakers will include Alan Brick, Goucher College professor and chairman of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, David Eberhardt, vice chairman of Baltimore CORE; and Cleveland Harris of the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

Also tentatively scheduled as speakers are Father Phillip Berrigan of St. Peter Claver Church and Christopher Koch, former director of radio station WBAI in New York and a recent visitor of North Vietnam.

EBERHARDT, who is also a member of the steering committee for the rally, said that the event was being held in the "spirit of Julian Bond."

Bond, a SNCC publicity director, was ousted from his seat in the Georgia Legislature for his views condemning American policy in Vietnam.

Mr. Eberhardt said the rally was free, but any money collected would be donated to SNCC.

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THE RALLY is of particular local importance, Eberhardt said, because at the same City Council meeting recently an open occupancy bill was defeated and Warren Buckler was refused re-appointment as chairman of the Commission on Human Relations as a result of participating in a peace march.

"This tied together the two issues, he said.

Among the organizations sponsoring the rally are the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Students for a Democratic Society, the Baltimore Committee to End the War in Vietnam and the Maryland Committee for Democratic Rights.

Appeal fails to reverse phone - abuse conviction

Mrs. Katie Eugene Butler, 39, Patterson Rd., Hyde, Md., was found guilty in Criminal Court Tuesday of "persistently tormenting, harassing, abusing and annoying" Mrs. Selma Jones of Baltimore by means of the telephone.

The calls involved Mrs. Jones' husband.

Judge Meyer Cardin heard the case on appeal from Eastern District Municipal Court where Judge Albert H. Blum had found Mrs. Butler guilty on January 7.

The fine of $75 and costs Judge Blum imposed was continued by Judge Cardin.

However, Judge Cardin did not attach costs of the appeal to the higher court.

The unusual incident came to the court's attention after Mrs. Jones and a police officer heard abusive language and threats to Mrs. Jones on the phone between Jan. 1 and Jan. 3.

When Mrs. Butler appeared before Judge Cardin she testified her conversation was intended for "another Mrs. Jones." However, Judge Cardin expressed disbelief in her statements.

Big new prize in contest for teachers

A man recently asked a friend for change for a dollar and received, in return, 65 cents plus the remark, "That's all a dollar is worth now."

While the friend was joking, the truth is that the long green keeps growing shorter all the time.

The rising cost of living is lowering the boom on millions of poor people who have little hope of raising their incomes in keeping with advancing costs.

Rising food and housing costs are two of the most basic examples of ever - increasing hardships on people of low or fixed incomes.

A 20 percent rise in the cost of services over the past five years is reflected in the cost of rental housing and many of the hard goods that are bought.

ACCORDING to figures compiled by Indiana Congressman Charles A. Halleck, the cost of tomatoes has doubled, potatoes are up 21 percent and both coffee and eggs 15 percent.

Meat prices have soared up out of proportion, reaching a record high within the past few months.

On top of this the recent bad weather has had further escalating effect on food prices that threaten to wreck many a food budget.

Heavy damages to southern crops from the Florida-Texas area will be reflected in higher food prices for months to come.

Potatoes, tomatoes, squash, corn, strawberries, cucumbers and watermelons are among the hardest hit crops. Add to this the high losses to the citrus crop and it is easy to understand why dollars just won't go far enough.

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FOOD shortages created by unpredictably heavy winter storms is further intensified by the heavy demands made by the armed forces to feed our some 200,000 troops in Vietnam.

The Defense Department estimates it will need some 18½ million cases of canned meat this year.

In addition, Social Security, along with the new Medicare costs, are taking a bigger bite out of the 1966 pay checks.

Costs of educating children have gone up 25 percent in 10 years, while public transportation costs have ad-

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How Rising Costs Hurt The Poor

Bond Loses Ga. Test, To Appeal

ATLANTA (UPI) — A Federal court held by a 2 to 1 vote in a historic ruling Thursday the Georgia Legislature was within its rights in refusing to seat Rep.-elect Julian Bond because of his pacifist views on Vietnam.

The three judge panel dismissed as "without merit" an argument that a section of Georgia's constitution is illegal. The disputed section gives the legislature authority to judge the qualifications of its members.

Thursday's ruling marked a departure for Federal courts, which — with the exception of reapportionment — has shied away from ruling in matters that are in the domain of State legislatures.

THE GEORGIA House refused by a 185 to 12 vote to seat Bond because he backed a statement by the Student Non - Violent Coordinating Committee, that was highly critical of U.S. policy in Vietnam. Bond, 26, who is information officer for SNCC, added further fuel to the fire by saying he admired persons who burned their draft cards. Bond took the case to court in an effort to have the Federal Government force the House to seat him. He is also running for re-election in his 36th District, and has drawn no opposition. Gov. Carl Sanders ordered a special, Feb. 23 election to fill seat when lawmakers barred Bond.

CHIEF 5TH Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Elbert Tuttle dissented with the ruling of his two fellow judges.

"I am convinced that Re-elect Bond—will illegally deprived of his seat — and that this court should so hold," Tuttle said.

The two jurists who ruled otherwise were Griffin Bell of the Court of Appeals and Judge Lewis R. Morgan of the U.S. District Court.

IN THEIR majority opinion — which Bond's lawyers plan to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court — Bell and Morgan said:

"Mr. Bond . . . stated that he admired the courage of anyone who burned his draft card. He stated that as a pa-

—See Bond loses, Page 20

Police bars laid to top echelon

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Police inspectors — not district captains — are responsible for the widespread segregation in assignments within the department, a colored patrolman charged this week.

The officer, whose identity is being withheld at this time for obvious reasons, said that with the exception of the Western and Southwestern Districts, colored officers are barred from regular 'choice assignments' as:

Telephone operators, paddy wagon drivers, cruising patrol operators, post cars, radio cars (Western only), and in various bureaus.

In a devastating report on

—See Police bars, Page 3

'Honeymoon beating' gets divorce for wife

Charging that her husband, Rennie Boiseau, initiated their honeymoon with a beating, Mrs. Clarice Boiseau divorced him, Friday.

Three days after the marriage on Oct. 16, 1960, he assaulted her, sending her to the hospital, Mrs. Boiseau said.

Her brother, Carl Dixon, added that the husband told him to take his sister and get out of the house or he would beat him also.

The wife added that when she came out of the hospital following the assault, she returned to their home with the hope that she could make a go of the marriage.

But, said she, her husband threatened her again. So she moved out.

The marriage had lasted just 16 days.

Mrs. Boiseau had her maiden name, Clarice Dixon, restored.

ANOTHER WIFE, who testified that her husband assaulted her, also won a divorce in Circuit Court.

She was Mrs. Elizie Sue Mitchell of 1516 Mount Royal

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Sweet talk but no cook at cafe

The Cage Bar in the 2000 block E. Monument St. apparently has trouble with its cook.

Testifying Wednesday at a State Interracial Commission hearing which found the bar guilty of discrimination in its restaurant business, Miss Dorothy Kucninsky, Co-owner, said that with lack of help the bar is not always able to serve food.

"It depends on whether the cook comes to work," she said. "We don't know from one day to the next if the kitchen will be open or not."

Thursday, the day after the ruling, the restaurant on the premises again was not open as a pair of AFRO staffers

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