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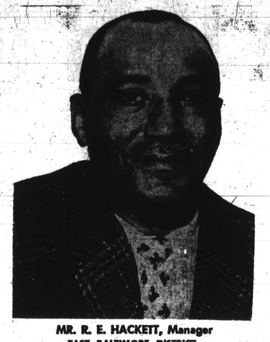

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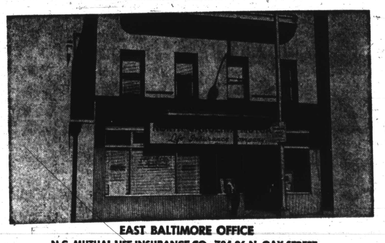

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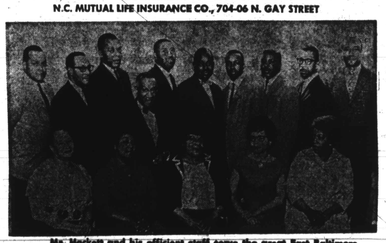

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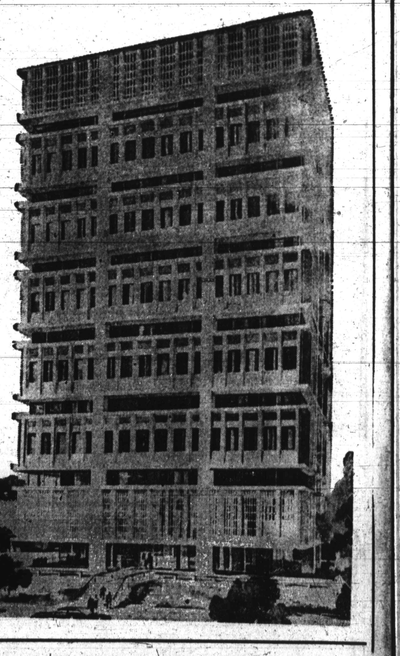

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POLICE TOLD TO STOP RAIDS

Warrantless 'Veney Raids' Led To NAACP Test

"The most flagrant violation of privacy ever to come before this court."

That blistering characterization was pinned on the 300-plus raids Baltimore police staged on private homes during the Veney manhunt.

It came from the U.S. Forth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond (Va.) which ordered the Federal District Court here to forbid police from searching private homes without search warrants.

The NAACP appealed the case to the Appellate Court after Chief District Court Judge Roszel C. Thomsen refused to enjoin the department from making such raids.

In returning the case here the Appellate Court said:

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"REMANDED FOR entry of decree enjoining the Police Department from conducting search of any private house to effect arrests of any persons not known to reside therein.

"Whether with or without arrest warrant, where the belief that the person is on the premises is based only on an anonymous tip, and hence without probable cause."

The case, Lankford vs. Baltimore Police Department, sprang up during the Christmas, 1964 search for Earl and Sam Veney, wanted for the wounding of one policeman and fatal shooting of another.

Both were convicted recently in Frederick County Court where Sam was sentenced to death in the gas chamber and Earl given 30 years in the penitentiary.

During the long search police, armed with shot and machine guns, raided hundreds of homes and business establishments in the colored community without warrants.

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THE VENEY Brothers, however, were arrested by FBI agents in Long Island, N.Y., where they were working under assumed names.

Several West Baltimore families, following unheeded complaints to then Commissioner Bernard J. Schmidt, went to Federal Court in search of relief.

Samuel J. Lankford, chief petitioner who was joined by others, petitioned the court through NAACP attorneys.

Headed by James M. Nabrit of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the team included W. A. C. Hughes, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell and Tucker R. Dearing.

Throughout the protracted hearing, Judge Thomsen voiced agreement with petitioners, but refused to order a halt to the raids.

Commissioner Schmidt and then Chief Inspector George J. Murphy consented to a "Gentlemen's Agreement" with no enforceable powers to control the raids.

IN REVERSING Judge Thomsen, the Appeals Court held:

"If the police intend to conduct a search of a man's house for a suspect, they must have probable cause to believe that he is on the premises."

The court voiced appreciation for the police position:

"While fully appreciating the rights of the policeman . . . the court must not be deterred from protesting rights secured to all by the Constitution," the decree said.

Continuing, it declared:

"This case reveals a series of the most flagrant invasions of privacy ever to come under the scrutiny of the Federal Court."

Mr. Nabrit, reached in his New York office, gave this reaction:

"Today's decision is particularly important for minority groups and poor people who bear the brunt of un-

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Big show for painting Greenmount rec center

On Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. the residents of the Greemount Demonstration area, personnel from the Department of Recreation, and staff workers of the Community Relations Commission will undertake a unique Community Work Project.

The objective of their effort is to paint the interior of the Greemount Recreation Center at 2304 Greenmount Ave. They will be assisted by several radio personalities and sports stars including the popular disc jockey, Rockin' Robin, John Mackey of the Baltimore Colts, and Jim Barnes and Ben Warley of the Baltimore Bullets Basketball team.

A four-hour radio show will be broadcast from the Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on station WEBB. The residents will be interviewed on the air while they assist in the project.

Prizes will be given and refreshments will be available.

All residents of the area between Oliver and 25th Sts. and St. Paul and Homewood Ave. are invited to come out and join in the activities.

The effort is an example of the teamwork which is necessary between citizens, government and private enterprises to deal effectively with the problems which face our community.

Psalmist Church leads liquor license protest

The Rev. Frank L. Williams, president of the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, has stated that he will support the protest of the pastor and congregation of Psalmist Baptist Church against the issuance of a liquor license to a store next door to the church.

The Rev. Frederick C. Atkins, pastor of Psalmist Baptist Church, North and Druid Hill Aves., told the AFRO, "We are organized against the issuance of the liquor license and members of the church will appear and protest it at the June 30 hearing."

Other organizations supporting the Psalmist protest to the Class A license for beer, wine, and liquor sales include the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council and the Northwest Baltimore Improvement Association (NBIA).

Sidney Daniels of the Harlem Park Council has stated that there are already too many establishments in the area with Class A liquor licenses and to establish liquor sales next door to the Psalmist Church would be wrong.

The license would be a transfer of a Class A permit now being used at Cooper's store, 341 Bloom St. to City Food Store at 1314-18 North Ave.

The hearing has been set for 2:45 p.m. in room 231 in City Hall on Thursday, June 30.

The Rev. Atkins and members of the Psalmist Baptist Church are organizing as many persons as possible to lend weight to the protest of the transfer of the liquor license.

Cherry Hill residents to grill city fathers

Cherry Hill residents, up in arms over what they call "deplorable conditions" in the community, have been incited to stage a two-day alert rally.

Sponsored by I.N.C.I.T.E. (Interested Citizens For Equality), public rallies are set for 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

William H. Murphy Jr., I.N.C.I.T.E. chairman, said purpose of the rallies is to focus attention of citizens on existing conditions which will culminate 8 p.m. Monday in a "confrontation" of citizens and city officials.

The Monday meeting will be held at the Cherry Hill Community Presbyterian Church, 819 Cherry Hill Rd.

That's when a panel of citizens will "grill" city officials as to their willingness and desire to "improve conditions which have produced dirt, filth, and tons of garbage" in the heavily populated community, Mr. Murphy reported.

I.N.C.I.T.E., whose co-chairman is Miss Barbara McMillion, has invited several city officials to attend the meeting, including:

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, Thomas J. D'Alesandro III, City Council President, Walter S. Orlinsky, City Solicitor, Robert C. Weaver, Housing Administrator, Dr. Walter Sohier, City Health Commissioner, Lt. Col. Paul Dorsey, Commander, Northwestern District, Police Department, Jerome Sachs, Director, Department of Recreation, Dr. Walter Lively, Superintendent, City Schools, Dr. Walter Phillips, Superintendent, Baltimore County Schools, Dr. Dale Cameron, Director, Community Relations Commission, Mr. Robert