Day care center program for working mothers lags

A poverty program to set up group day care centers to supervise the small children of working mothers has been snagged by the difficulty of finding adequate places to house the centers in the poverty target area.

Only one center has been put in operation since last August, when the program was contracted to the Department of Public Welfare by the Community Action Commission.

Three were scheduled to be open by the end of this month, to care for a maximum of 150 children. The one now operating, which has been running only since June 2 at 706 N. Broadway, cares for about 38 tots.

MISS ESTHER LAZARUS, DPW director, told a CAC meeting this week that many facilities had been rejected because of the high standards set for the program.

She said the buildings either required too much renovation or were offered on a basis that "didn't provide the stability" the children needed.

As an example of instability, she mentioned one case in which a church would have required that all the day care facilities be put away over the weekend, thus causing confusion and delay every Monday morning when they had to be set up again.

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SHE ALSO reported that, once a suitable site had been picked, as much as two or three months could be spent in getting various city agencies to inspect and approve it.

After that, she continued, an indefinite amount of time could be consumed in renovations, final inspections and approval, and issuance of a license to operate by the City Health Department.

Parren Mitchell, executive director of the Community Action Agency, said the agency would attempt to use its influence in expediting inspection procedures and also provide help in finding adequate sites.

He said he thought the "crisis was over" in the day care program, and that at least five centers would be operating by August, when the program will be a year old.

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A MAIN reason why more rapid progress could now be made, he said, was that landlords no longer thought they could get away with charging exorbitant rents because the program was federally sponsored.

"They have learned that we are serious when we say we just aren't going to pay that much," he said.

One landlord had consumed almost a month by repeatedly raising the proposed rent for a building until the whole thing had to be dropped, even after extensive preparations had been made, he pointed out.

Miss Lazarus reported that the groundwork had been laid and negotiations were underway for five more centers, three in East Baltimore and two in West Baltimore.

The 1967 budget for the program is $391,772.

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'SUMMIT' — These are some of the 30 community leaders who met last week with Mr. McKissick and other national and local leaders of CORE who explained the purpose, goals, and direction of their "Target City" Project. Following a two-hour "give-and-take" debate, the conference ended on a note of "mutual cooperation" and pledge of support — "financial and physical" — from the delegation of community organization leaders.

MCKELDIN BOOSTERS—This table was Republican leader Marshall Jones' but it included both Democrats and Republicans as large number of Baltimoreans paid tribute to Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin on Tuesday night at the Sheraton Belvedere Hotel. New York Sen. Jacob Javits, Republican, was speaker. From left are: Samuel T. Daniels, Councilman Henry G. Parks, Owen Wilson, Archie Jones, Marshall Jones, Joseph A. Bush, Purnell B. Oden and Marshall Jones Sr. At table but not in photo were Arlington S. Phillips and John L. Berry.

'Unanimous fear' haunts marchers

"Right now I feel like I'm going to be militant all my life.

"I want to stand out in the middle of Charles Street all day long and holler 'Freedom.' ".

These were the angry sentiments of a poverty program neighborhood counselor this week following his return from Mississippi where he had joined in the Memphis—Jackson march.

Andrew Ramsey, counselor for Community Action Agency Area 9, 1919 E. Jefferson St., was sent to the march June 13 by the East Side Diamonds social club. He returned last weekend.

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MR. RAMSEY said he could not get over the shock of what he had seen and wished he were still with the march.

The thing that impressed him most about the experience, he said, was feeling of constant fear.

"Everybody was scared. The fear was unanimous.

"All day long white hoodlums would drive by taking pictures and jeering. The cars were known to have weapons in them. In Greenwood I saw nine shotguns taken out of a group of three cars.

"The police were unhappy about being there, and we didn't trust their protection. Everybody had the quiet apprehension that if something went wrong, we couldn't rely on them.

"Their number was all up to Gov. Paul Johnson's whimsy. One day there were 40 patrol cars, the next day there were four. The deeper we went into the Delta country, the less protection we got."

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THE OTHER side of the coin, Mr. Ramsey said, was the joy the marchers felt when local people in the towns they passed joined them for a stretch, conquering their fear.

"The good part," he explained, "was going into a small Delta town like Grenada and picking up 200 people on the edge of town who walked with us to the courthouse square. They joined us like they were drawn to a magnet.

"Our feeling was once they crossed the fear line, they would never be as scared again.

"This is what James Meredith had in mind, and in that sense, the march is immensely successful."

Mr. Ramsey was with the march from Grenada down to Greenwood, a distance of about 40 miles, covered over four days.

He flew to Memphis, and was driven from a central clearing house for marchers located in a church to the line of march itself.

Mrs. Hamer to keynote CORE's convention here

"A Working Convention: To Organize For Economic and Political Power" is the theme of the 23rd Annual Convention of the Congress of Racial Equality convening here July 1 through the 4th.

Headed by CORE's national director, Floyd McKissick, delegates from across the nation will converge on Baltimore to work in the ghetto and hear addresses by prominent civil rights leaders including:

Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, who will be keynote speaker.

Also Mr. McKissick, Minister Lonnie Shabazz, Richard Cloward, Columbia University; Julian Bond, unseated delegate to the Georgia General Assembly, and James Farmer, former national CORE director.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Broadway and Gay Sts., will be convention headquarters.

Convention activities will revolve around CORE's "Target City" Project being conducted from 832 N. Gay St.

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MEANWHILE, Walter Brooks, project director, announced that CORE officials who testified before the City Council Wednesday were "disappointed" that the body allowed its chambers to be used by "segregationists groups to insult and degrade colored citizens."

New neighborhood has its problems

By ROGER J. NISSLY

Mrs. Irene Porter moved from her house in South Baltimore two months ago so her seven children could "get away from the smoke and out of a tough neighborhood."

In the new neighborhood, the 1900 block of Pratt St., the family — although it has gotten along well with its white neighbors — became the object of three attacks by a teenage gang in recent weeks, culminating in the street beating of nine-year-old Michael Porter outside his house.

In the first incident, two weeks ago, a group of five teenagers knocked on the door, threw an egg at the living room ceiling.

A few days later six-year-old Phyllis Porter was awakened when a length of lead pipe shattered her bedroom window and scattered glass on her bed.

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ON SUNDAY night, June 12, young Michael was attacked outside his house, beaten and kicked by five teenagers until a neighbor, who owns a store on the block, jumped from a truck and pulled the gang from him.

Still nursing a swollen leg, Michael said he does not know what prompted the attack and remembered that he had just left his mother in the nearby laundramat and was running home to watch a cartoon show on television.

In the lightly integrated neighborhood that she likes better than the last one, Mrs. Porter said this week that her other children are "afraid to go very far from the house," but that "we don't want to move. It's better to raise children here."

OTHERS IN the neighborhood talk freely of the disruption caused by the gang of youths in the area bounded by Monroe, Pratt, Payson and Lombard Sts.

"You take your life in your hands to walk up Goldsmith St. (an alley that cuts through the four-square-block area)," one resident observed.

Most lay the blame for the destruction (broken windows in the shops and houses on Pratt St. and bricks thrown at cars) on the gang of a dozen youths that roam and terrorize the families in the area.

"You can hear them out in the alley until 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning," "Mrs. Porter said.

One man noted that there will not be any peace until the "leader of the gang is put away."

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KNOWING THE identity of the white youth who led the gang that beat her son, Mrs. Porter tried to obtain a warrant for him at Juvenile Court, but says she was told she also needed his parents' names.

"I've gone up to their house, but no one answers when they see me knock on the door," she said. "It's awfully hard to expect me to get the names, when it seems the police should do it."

Meanwhile, although witnesses of the fight have agreed to testify, Mrs. Porter is at a standstill in gaining the warrant which may "bring some peace to the neighborhood."

Asked about the trouble in the neighborhood, Captain Frederick T. Dunn of the Southwestern Police District noted that officers have been called in for incidents in the four-block area in recent weeks.

Concerned about Mrs. Porter's plight, Captain Dunn said Thursday the matter would receive prompt attention.

Joe Howard applies for Master's spot

Joseph C. Howard Sr., an assistant state's attorney and trial director for the office of the states attorney, has applied for the position of Master in Chancery in the Domestic Relations Division of the Supreme Bench.

The post was created by the recent appointment of the former master, Thomas McCarthy, as administrator on the Supreme Bench, a newly-created job.

Mr. Howard submitted his application to acting Chief Judge Joseph R. Byrnes on Wednesday.

On Thursday, States Attorney Charles Moylan, Jr., endorsed Mr. Howard for the post.

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Man fatally shot in argument over girl

Police responded to the Custom House Garage in the unit block of Custom House Ave. early Monday evening to find a man fatally shot in the head during an argument over a girl.

The 39-year - old victim, George E. Hill, 900 block Rutland Ave., was rushed to Mercy Hospital about 6:45 p.m. and died 10 minutes before midnight.

Arrested at the scene was Vincent Young, 49, 2900 block Wynham Rd., an attendant at the garage.

He was charged with the fatal shooting by police Tuesday afternoon.

Central district officers recovered a .22 cal. revolver at the scene with six bullets and a spent cartridge.

Police said an argument between the two men began over Mr. Young's former girl friend.

NEW SOFTBALL team in CCNCC league operates out of Area 9 Community Action Center, 1919 E. Jefferson St., is coached by neighborhood assistant Wesley Aydlett, at top.

Student death hearing set for Thursday

The preliminary hearing in connection with the murder of Gregory McDowell, Edmondson High School athlete, is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28.

Presented at 2:30 p.m. in Homicide Court will be Jerry Blackwell, 18, 1300 block Myrtle Ave. who is charged with the crime that occurred in May in the 4000 Block Spruce Drive after a party.

Blackwell also is charged with assault with intent to murder Thomas Weaver, 17, another Edmondson student, who resides in the 2700 block Woodview Rd., Cherry Hill.

YOUNG McDowell was pronounced dead at 8:20 a.m., May 21 after his body was found stabbed and beaten on a lawn in the 4000 block Spruce Drive.

The Weaver youth who was discovered beaten to unconsciousness about 12:30 a.m. May 21 was also on a lawn in the same block.

Returning to consciousness after two weeks in the intensive care ward of Sinai Hospital, he is reported improving.

According to his mother, however, he will require hospital treatment an extended period of time.

Mr. Blackwell was arrested on a warrant in Statesville, N.C. and charged with murder and assault to murder, June 3.

Agnew names his managers

Arthur J. Sohmer, 40, Chief Judge of the Baltimore County Tax Appeals Court since 1964, has been named campaign manager for Spiro T. Agnew, Republican candidate for governor of Maryland.

Mr. Sohmer also managed Mr. Agnew's successful 1962 campaign when he was elected Baltimore County executive by a 17,500-vote margin despite a 3-1 Democratic voter registration.

At the same time, Mr. Agnew announced the appointment of Robert J. Gerstung, 34, an attorney prominent in Baltimore City Republican politics, as an assistant campaign manager. Mr. Gerstung was GOP candidate for president of the City Council in 1963.

"I am proud to have the services of both men," Mr. Agnew said. "It is encouraging today to find young men of their high caliber injecting new strength and new vitality into the Republican Party."

Who qualifies under new legal aid setup

A program giving free legal service to the poor was finally approved by the City Council this week after it barely escaped being caught in another withering cross-fire between the Legal Aid Bureau and the Bar Association.

The $260,000 program will initially provide for a main office at the Legal Aid Bureau's present headquarters at Fayette and Gay Sts. and one neighborhood office each in East Baltimore and West Baltimore.

The first phase of the program calls for handling of civil matters only, from simple advice to the actual carrying through of a trial.

To be eligible for the program, a single person cannot have a net income of more than $40 a week, and a married person more than $55 a week, with $9 allowed each dependent.

Ownership of real estate other than the place of residence, having a bank account of more than $300 and ownership of a late model car not needed in

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90 youths playing softball through community effort

Some 90 East Baltimore youngsters are playing in their own softball league this summer; thanks to a group formed about a year ago in the area for community cooperation.

Six teams—three from Department of Recreation centers and three from Community Action Agency centers — had their first games Tuesday night at Dunbar High School lot.

The teams, each composed of 15 youngsters from 9 to 12 years old who live in a wide East Baltimore area, will continue to play two nights a week, through August.

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THE LEAGUE is sponsored by the Caroline Community Neighborhood Cooperative Council (CCNCC), which was formed late last spring by representatives of various schools, churches and institutions in the area.

According to James C. Butler, director of institutional public relations at Johns Hopkins Hospital and chairman of the CCNCC publicity committee, the softball league is the first major project of the group, which supplies equipment — bats, balls, caps, shirts and bases — for the teams.

Kickoff for the league was June 11, when Sam Bowens and Jim Palmer of the Orioles talked to about 600 youngsters at School 102, 601 N. Central Ave., whose principal, Mrs. Anne L. Payne, is CCNCC president.

Following the appearance of the Bird pair, a bake sale was held by mothers in the neighborhood to raise money for the equipment, which cost about $200.

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MR. BUTLER said the CCNCC now has about 50

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Board rejects program to aid poor families

"This is an important matter and when we have important matters we need to give them special attention.

The mayor himself has called for action in this area, with his new health and welfare committee."

Despite this plea by Howard H. Murphy, board member of the State Department of Public Welfare, the Board of Estimates refused Wednesday to give its approval to a family rehabilitation program in poverty areas.

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin is a member of the five-man board, and with two of its other members his appointees, has a controlling three votes.

Action on the program was set aside, pending an unscheduled session of the board and the City Council on the proposal.

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THE PROGRAM would have aided 300 of the larger families in the more critical poverty areas, by moving them to better housing and helping them to a new start.

These welfare recipients would get increased rental grants up to $115, and some additional funds for moving expenses and bringing their utility bills up to date.

It would be a one-year pilot program financed by federal funds, but Miss Esther Lazarus, Welfare Department director, told the board there is a strong possibility this financing can be extended.

"Just to pick out 300 families doesn't solve the problem," Hyman A. Pressman, comptroller commented.

"We must start somewhere with what we have," Mr. Murphy countered.

"This was only brought before the City Council a week ago," Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd, board president, stated, "and the Council ought to have a hearing on it. I'll arrange a special meeting of the board and Council on this."

By contrast, the board gave speedy approval to the Community Action Agency's Headstart program, designed to aid 660 pre-school children in educational advancements.

'Couldn't get along, agreed to separate'

Testifying that she left William Davis of 1732 McCulloh St. because she did not want to rear her child in an unpleasant atmosphere, Mrs. Jean Marie Davis won a divorce, Friday.

Mrs. Davis, who lives at 2934 Cherryland Road, said that she and Mr. Davis were married on Oct. 28, 1962.

"We couldn't get along, so we agreed to separate," she said.

The separation took place on June 15, 1964, she said.

Their two - year - old son was placed in custody of the mother.

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MRS. ROBERTA W. MCLAREN of 822 N. Carey St. also received a divorce on grounds of voluntary separation.

She and Clifford McLaren were married on June 8, 1[illegible] and ended the marriage on April 15, 1935, according to testimony.

Mr. McLaren lives at 3303 Bloomingdale Road.

Her maiden name, Jackson, was restored.

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"WE HAD a little problem. I wasn't doing much work, so she asked me to leave."

Wardell Jackson of 726 Brune St. thus explained the breaking up of his marriage to Mrs. Myrtle Snead Jackson of 623 W. Lanvale St.

The couple, married Dec. 13, 1954, ended the union in November, 1958, according to his testimony.

The divorce decree went to the husband.

MRS. RUTH MAE MARSH was divorced from William F. Marsh of Pleasantville, N.J. on grounds of voluntary separation.

Mrs. Marsh, a school crossing guard, lives at 1102 N. Stricker St. She and Mr. Marsh are parents of a son who is now married.

Their marriage on May 9, 1942, ended in May 1946, she said.

109 registered this week

If you have not registered to become eligible to vote, you may do so.

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.

Final registration date before September primary — August 15.

Scheduled Dates Pertaining To 1966 Absentee Ballots

Final filing date for military absentee ballots prior to primary election — September 3rd.

Filing date for civilian medical certificates prior to primary election — September 3rd.

Final filing date for military absentee ballots prior to general election — October 29th.

Total registered for Nov., 1960 election 106,306.

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

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

Registered this week period, 109.

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Thursday	22	3	0
Friday	22	4	0
Monday	28	4	0
Tuesday	15	0	0
Wednesday	10	1	0
Totals	97	12	0

Brailey named to NALC committee

Troy Brailey, president of the Baltimore Chapter of the Negro American Labor Council and a vice president of the national, has been named to the NALC's four-member executive committee.

Cleveland Robinson of New York, named president to succeed founder A. Philip Randolph during recent convention in Baltimore, appointed Mr. Brailey this week.

Treasure hunts

The Baltimore Museum of Art will be holding a series of treasure hunts to encourage parents and their children to visit and have fun while exploring the museum's collections.

A guide sheet of clues for treasure hunting are free at the museum daily during regular visiting hours.

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