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Small Businessmen Get First Loans
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'LITTLE MELVIN' IS ARR

CORE talkathon on air Saturday

Members of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) will man telephones and coordinate the first marathon radio appeal for funds to aid the Target City Project.

Three stations will participate in the 20-hour talkathon to run from 2 p.m. Saturday, August 27, to 2 a.m. Sunday.

Stations WWIN, WEBB, and WSID will rotate hours to be filled with special messages from Lincoln Lynch, assistant national director; James Farmer, former director; and local civic interest and civil rights groups leaders.

The number to call to make donations during the marathon is: 732-1404.

A CONTINUOUS open house will be held at Target City headquarters, 832 N. Gay St., for persons wishing to bring contributions in person.

More than 50 CORE staff members will be on hand to meet donors, give information on the project, and serve free refreshments.

"This fund raising is part of CORE's philosophy that the people who benefit from Target City should help support the project," Walter Brooks, CORE spokesman said.

A special pick-up service will be available for persons who make substantial contributions and cannot appear in person at CORE's offices.

Well known dee-jays such as Diamond Jim Sears of WSID, Rockin' Robin of WEBB and Kelson (Chop Chop) Fisher and Johnny O from WWIN, will be mike-side hosts.

All contributors to the fund drive will receive special CORE buttons saying, "I gave to the marathon."

Times of the radio segments are as follows: WEBB from 2-5 p.m.; WSID from 5-8 p.m.; and WWIN from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Surprise stars and sports figures will join the DJ's in the special appeal, the first of its kind in Maryland.

1st wave of contest shows close race

Last week's big wave of votes recorded in the AFRO's Favorite Beautician contest is expected to be topped as votes pour in over the weekend from contestants eager to build their standings for the first listing next Tuesday.

Vote tabulators will work through Monday to have the most up-to-date standings and front-runners are predicted to be close.

Everyone can vote and any beautician can enter.

Just clip the voting coupon on Page 2 and mail to: Favorite Beautician Contest, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

First prize will be two tickets to each of the three World Series games to be played in Baltimore.

Tickets to series games are also prizes two through sixteen, so all front-runners will be prize winners.

EVERY VOTE counts. Every ballot collected by the candidate will add to the final victory.

Beauticians who seem to be top vote-getters are also getting votes from individual customer-collection of coupons in the customer's neighborhoods.

Each AFRO edition is being collected to have coupons rounded up and sent in together.

Friends, relatives and families of many of the contestants also have coupon-drives underway.

Don't forget to save those coupons for candidates who will deliver them to the AFRO themselves.

Official closing date of the contest is Oct. 1st. Every AFRO coupon up to that time should be clipped and mailed in right away.

Teen 'sleepwalker' found under his neighbor's bed

Arnold McNeil, 16, 600 block N. Augusta Ave., an Autryville, N.C. youth who admits he has been a sleep-walker most of his life, appeared in Criminal Court Tuesday in a case Judge James K. Cullen described as the most unusual he had ever heard.

After releasing the youngster, charged with burglary, on probation before verdict, Judge Cullen stated, "I've never heard anything like it. It's almost comical.'

Testimony before the court showed the teenager was discovered in his pajamas under the bed of a next door neighbor—asleep at 2 a.m., June 23.

According to George H. Cramer, 600 block N. Augusta Ave., the resident living next door to the boy's grandparents, he and his wife were watching TV when they heard a noise upstairs.

Getting his gun he arrived at the bedroom and seeing a foot sticking from under the bed, pulled it.

McNeil, a slightly built youth, was on the other end, somewhat groggy and apparently half-asleep.

STATING THE boy probably entered through a hole in the screen door, Mr. Cramer advised the court nothing was disturbed nor taken.

Substantiating the fact the youth walks in his sleep were letters from relatives and residents of his home town.

Also, verifying him as "a fine young man," were letters from his principal at Armstrong High School, Fayetteville, N.C.; members of the Union Hill Baptist Church, Fayetteville, and the 4-H Club at Autryville where he is president of the group.

Judge Cullen required the youngster to pay costs of repairing the screen.

Eastsiders Bitter About Area Filth

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

"Everything is just a nasty, stinking, filthy mess and nobody will help us do anything about it."

"We can't take it much longer. Our stomachs are boiling over. Do we have to act like we are crazy to get you to do something?"

The first speaker was Mrs. Mary Paige, a neighborhood counselor in one of the target areas of poverty-stricken East Baltimore.

The second one was Gardie Williamson, businessman, representative of the poor on the poverty Commission and president of the Madison Square Improvement Association.

Their sentiments represented the height of desperation voiced by East Baltimoreans who clashed head-on Wednesday afternoon with real live bureaucrats, who are responsible for the conduct of the city's public service agencies.

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THERE WERE other bitter voices uttering angry frustrations over the failure of the city to heed their plea for help in the endless war against inercity deterioration and decay.

Scene of the confrontation occurred in a building at 1327 E. Eager which once was — at various times — a tailor shop, a slum house, storefront church, now converted into a Community Action Center.

The meeting was engineered by Farren J. Mitchell, director of the Community Action Agency, known in less proper circles as the poverty program.

He was backed by deputy director, Stanley Z. Mazer.

It brought together heads of the Sanitation and Health Departments, Bureau of Building Inspection, the Police Department, Sanitation Squad and representatives of allied agencies.

Also 50 irate residents of the Eager, Eden, Chase Sts., and Central Ave. area.

The emotion - charged meeting followed a "preview" in color slides of the extent of debris, stench and decay which grip what has become known as the "forgotten section" of Baltimore.

Also backdropping the chorus of bitter recriminations and frustration - tinted pleas to "rescue us" was a

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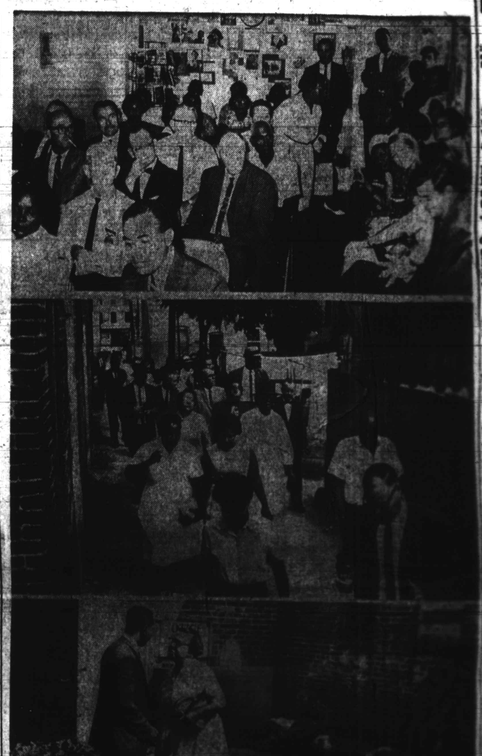

CONFRONTATION — East Baltimore residents (top) listen while neighbor blasts bureau heads for failing to clean up area. They also went on tour (center) of filth strewn alleys, in which heaps of debris attract rats. Mrs. Mary Paige, a resident of Eastside, is shown (at left) as she talks with officials.

Police act starts riot

ATLANTA (UPI) — An angry crowd of almost 400 people, many of them yelling "black power," stoned the police in a predominantly colored area of Atlanta early Thursday.

Police reported the incident happened when officer W. W. Jenkins went alone to the Palladium Club to make a routine arrest.

The officer said that when he returned to his car shortly after midnight, he found his way blocked and a crowd beginning to gather around his vehicle.

Jenkins called for help and when reinforcements arrived the crowd was finally dispersed.

No one was hit by the flying rocks and there were no injuries. Five persons were charged with disorderly conduct, fighting, interfering with an officer or resisting arrest. The incident happened in a section where racial trouble has occurred periodically in the past.

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LABOR DAY
All ads to appear in the Tuesday, September 6th issue must be in the office by 4 p.m. Friday, September 2, 1966.

Shoppers feel food costs high with no end in sight

By MARY RICHARDSON

"Food prices are ridiculous. If the President thinks he can get re-elected without getting somebody off his lousy grocery costs, he's mistaken," a vehement woman shopper declared this week at a shopping center.

"The reason that food costs so much is because of the high labor wages that have to be paid," says one of two men interviewed.

"All that's needed now is the Teamsters. Unless to strike as long as the airlines people did. When the cities starve to death, then maybe food prices will be changed," he added.

Eight women and two men were asked their views on food costs as they left, arms filled with shopping bags, from a large chain-store.

THE SECOND gentleman said, "When my wife asks me to do the shopping I first strictly from my list. I also writes down and the brand names the specifics. Once I had shopped by the item and the bill was one third higher than usual."

Several shoppers said they preferred items produced by the stores called "house" products.

"There's no fixed price here, cheaper prices than meat, neighborhood stores," a young mother said.

She brings her two children here for food because her home is 20 miles from the shopping center by bus.

RETAIL FOOD prices, according to Jerry Wm Gaither, president of Food Fair, Inc., dropped 1% last month.

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Powell Tackles Text Book O

By ROGER J. NEILY
WASHINGTON

Integrated school textbooks are being published in abundance, but the school district themselves are proceeding slowly in their adoption of them.

This black and white picture emerged Wednesday after two days of testimony before Rep. Adam Clayton Powell's Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Treatment of Minority Groups in Textbooks and Library Aids.

Wednesday morning Powell's subcommittee heard from officials of the New York City school system who told how they had begun to give their students a more balanced picture of the history of the Negro in America.

Additional testimony was heard from Dr. Dan Dodson, director of the Center for Human Relations, New York University.

Dr. Dodson said that the Negro has been left out of most textbooks and that the few times he is included he is shown in a stereotyped role. The time has come, he said, for a change.

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