SCHOOLS ASKED TO SPEED INTEGRATION; ADD NEGRO HISTORY

Board Denies Teachers' Plea; Strike Vote Set

By ELIZABETH OLIVER.

The Baltimore Board of School Commissioners meeting Thursday was marked by demonstrations and calls for action on teachers salaries, a scathing denunciation for lack of progress on integration of faculties.

It also heard recommendations for "changing minds and hearts toward brotherhood of man" through accent on Negro History from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Members present were Eli Frank Jr., president; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Moss, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Philip Macht, Dr. William D. McElroy, Dr. William S. Stone, Sidney H. Tinley Jr. Absent were J. Percy Bond and John J. Sweeney.

Demonstrations outside the 25th St. building saw Dennis Crosby, president, leading over 50 pickets of the Baltimore Teachers Union 15 minutes before the meeting began.

Their signs read, "Teachers want what children need;" "How long will you say no?"—"Baltimore, wake up"; "Mr. Frank, is it immoral for us to want full pay?" and "Promises can't buy food."

Making their BTU appeal to the Board inside the meeting was Charles Laubheim who urged the Commissioners to "put the salary raise into effect as of Sept. 1" on the present budget to extend through February.

As to what to do after March 1, Mr. Laubheim said, "Let City Hall be faced with telling 8,000 teachers their raises will no longer be on their checks. Let them dare tell us that."

Adding if the Board "has the courage it should have" to back the proposal, the spokesman stated, "we assure you we will serve emphatic notice to city hall. It had better find additional funds by March 1 or it will face 8,000 teachers acting in concert."

Mr. Frank's reply to the proposal the Board "adopt a salary schedule that would call for a rate of spending in excess of funds made available to the school system by the Ordinance of Estimates" through Feb. 1 was, "It is a proposal I can not support."

Not turning it down finally, however, he suggested it be reviewed by the entire Board in time to let BTU know the decision in writing on or before Oct. 1.

Mr. Frank's suggestion was sustained by the majority with the one dissent coming from Mr. Macht.

WHEN KNOWLEDGE of the decision reached the pickets, demonstrators rushed inside the Board room carrying their signs. On two occasions both Superintendent Laurence G. Paquin and Mr. Frank left their seats to tell them no seats were available.

At one point, Mr. Frank said he would permit no noise but pickets immediately raised their voices in a chant that could be heard through the closed and locked doors.

Later spokesmen said the BTU will hold a meeting Tuesday at 4711 Harford Rd. on plans "to show this city

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New police chief sees city as being 'ripe for change'

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

"Law enforcement agencies in some instances have failed to keep pace with the times.

"We must change. We will change. Baltimore is ripe for change."

Donald David Pomerleau, 51 - year - old retired Marine lieutenant colonel, made those observations Thursday during brief ceremonies at the governor's office in the State Office Building.

The occasion marked the change of command of the Baltimore Police Department in which Mr. Pomerleau was sworn in as commissioner, replacing Maj. Gen. George M. Gelston.

Gen. Gelston, who is returning to his post as State Adjutant General, served as interim commissioner since last spring following a drastic shake - up in the high command of the department.

The shake - up came on the heels of a blistering report on the deficiencies of the agencies uncovered by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Significantly, Col. Pomerleau was a consultant to IACP during the study and the initial phases of the im-

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Vandals wreck cornerstone at Greater New Hope Church

By ROGER J. NISSLY

"I'm 57 and I've never seen this type of vandalism. I've never seen anybody take a cornerstone."

Two policemen nodded their agreement with the Rev. Leonard E. Hicks, pastor of Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 1308 Riggs Ave. They had never seen anybody take a church cornerstone either.

The destruction was reported at 6 a.m. Tuesday, when a neighbor called the pastor to tell him that she heard the cornerstone of the church was missing.

"It must have taken a strong man with a crowbar," the Rev. Mr. Hicks related. "The stone weighs 150 pounds."

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A LARGE corner of the stone was broken off when it fell from its lodging about 10 feet above the ground, then it was carried or dragged and abandoned with its scattered mementos and papers in a narrow passageway across the street from the church, where the pastor found it.

"It took two men to set the stone in during the dedication," he recalled. "And it took a man four hours to get the old stone out."

The cornerstone was dedicated during ceremonies last Aug. 28 and testified to the fact the church was organized Jan. 11, 1961.

On the ground under the hole which previously held the cornerstone, the pastor found an upturned bucket which the vandals had used to stand on.

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TO ADD insult to injury, when the pastor arrived at the church the next morning, Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, he found the bucket had been thrown to smash one of the church's large vari-colored windows above the missing cornerstone.

The stone came from Orange, N. J., he said, and it cost just $85 for the lettering. To replace it will cost about $150, the amount the church raised especially for the stone this summer.

In a cache behind the stone were placed some papers: the program from the dedication of the church building shortly after the congregation moved on Aug. 30, 1964, a Woman's Day program, the history of the church and a statement by the pastor.

What the Rev. Mr. Hicks cannot understand is that

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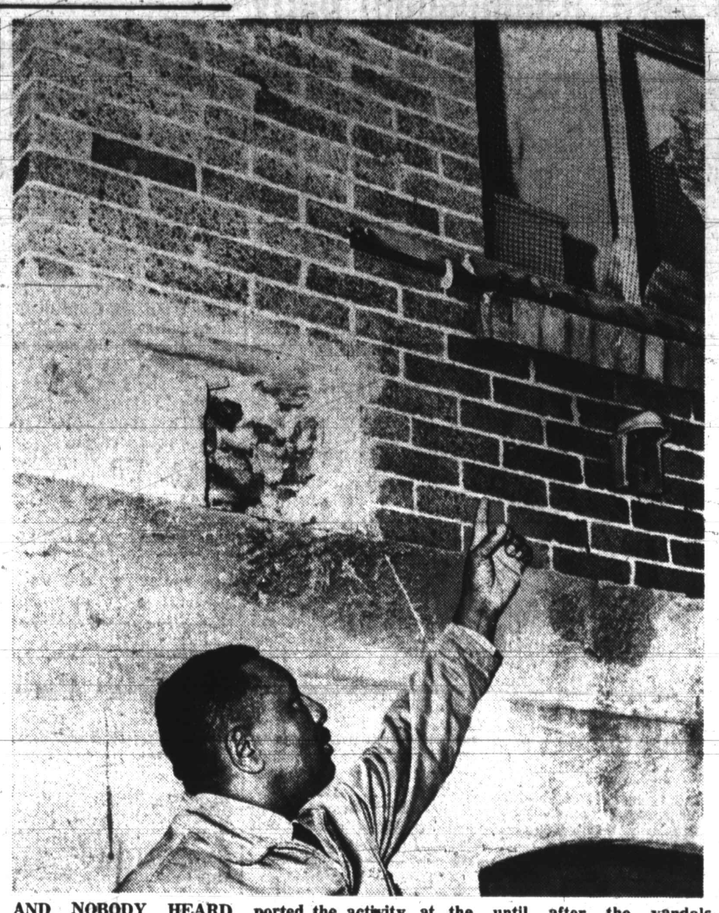

AND NOBODY HEARD — The Rev. Leonard E. Hicks, pastor of Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 1308 Riggs Ave., stands under gaping hole where the cornerstone was removed from his church by vandals Tuesday morning. He points to front church window, which was smashed the next morning. No one reported the activity at the church Tuesday morning until after the vandals had left the scene.

Rev. Hicks and the cornerstone

Sen. Welcome condemns A. Powell's 'lynching'

State Sen. Verda F. Welcome, Maryland's highest elected colored official, condemned Thursday what has been described by Rep. William Ayres (D., Ohio) as "Legislative lynching" of New York Congressman Adam Clayton Powell.

Led by Florida's Sam Gibbons, 27 members of the House Education and Labor Committee voted to curb the power of the internationally-known Harlem political leader.

The vote was 27 to 1 with Rep. Ayres, senior member of the committee, casting the lone dissenting vote. There are 31 members of the committee.

In telegrams to President Lyndon B. Johnson, John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House, and Rep. Gibbons, Sen. Welcome declared:

"We recognize the action as an unjustified and sinister attack on the national political leadership of colored citizens.

"It is very strange," the woman lawmaker added, "that other committee chairmen, especially Southerners, have committed acts far more grievous than those Rep. Powell allegedly has committed and nothing was said or done.

"It becomes crystal clear that the U.S. Congress, too, is obedient to dual standards of treatment—one for white and another for black."

Congressman Powell should be judged by his record so far as converting the admin-

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Wm A. Ross gets youth corps post

William A. Ross, former guidance counselor at Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School, has assummed the post of Coordinator of the Neighborhood Youth Corps' In-School Program.

Mr. Ross, a resident of Catonsville took over his new duties Sept. 6.

The In-School Program, operated by the Division of Guidance and Placement of the Baltimore Public Schools, is designed to provide employment experiences for young men and women 16 to 21 years of age.

These youths must live in the action area designated by the poverty program, must be in regular attendance in school.

THE PROGRAM is operated under contract with the Community Action Agency and the Department of Labor under terms of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

The youths will be employed as clerical, hospital, library, recreational aides,

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Welfare clients see two groups

The Rescuers from Poverty, sponsored by U - JOIN, gained both their objectives in a journey to Annapolis Thursday — a meeting with the governor's staff and an unscheduled meeting with the Legislative Council.

A group of five, led by vice chairman Mrs. Daisy Snipe, gave their requests to the governor's aide in a scheduled meeting beginning at 1:15 p.m.

About 50 other members of the mothers' group picketed the Legislative Council, which had refused them a hearing, then four of them gained entrance and stretched 10 minutes of alloted time to 45 minutes.

Some of the reactions of the Council, which plans legislation for introduction in the regular session, were hostile, according to U-JOIN staffers.

Rescuers' requests included for welfare clients: clothing grants, higher grant clothing grants, higher grants and changes in welfare policies.

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WILLIAM A. ROSS, left, at Mergenthaler, has taken over new duties as coordinator of the Neighborhood Youth Corps' In-School Program. With Mr. Ross in his new office in Dunbar High School are members of his staff: (left to right) Mrs. Helen Mae Chamberlain, Jules Dorner, Miss Lillian Campbell, David Tucker, Miss Aletha Styles and Mrs. Delores Johnson.

Rev. Newbold named aide in Agnew campaign

The Rev. Robert T. Newbold Jr., pastor of Grace United Presbyterian Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., has been named an advisory aide to Spiro T. Agnew, Republican candidate for governor.

The Rev. Mr. Newbold will direct various campaign activities of the Agnew-for-Governor Committee.

Mr. Agnew, in announcing the appointment, said he has "the highest respect for his outstanding record of community achievements. I am extremely proud to have Bob Newbold's support for the Agnew team."

Among his many activities the Rev. Mr. Newbold has served as vice chairman of the Community Action Commission and was chairman during the interim after the death of Morton Macht.

He has served on the board of directors of Patuxent Institution, the Maryland Churches, the Health and Welfare Council, the Community Chest, the Council of Alcohol Studies and on the Clergy Council of the Urban League.

The Rev. Mr. Newbold, 46, has pastored here since 1953.

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No charge in death of twin girl

No charges are pending against the East Baltimore parents of one-and-a-half-month-old twin girls who were rushed unconscious to Union Memorial Hospital Monday afternoon according to Homicide Lt. Clarence E. Roy.

One of the infants, Charlotte Robert, 2100 block N.

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CAC may support OIC program here

The Community Action Commission at its Tuesday meeting heard reports indicating that major problems facing the anti - poverty program continue to be housing, sanitation and jobs in the target areas.

The Agency, which a year ago had two centers with 2 supervisors and 2 neighborhood development counselors, now has grown to 16 centers, with a total of 107 persons involved in the program.

However, it was pointed up that little real progress has been made in solving problems of adequate and decent housing, and securing employment for needy residents of the poverty areas.

Sanitation, the report went on, is a major factor as city services are not geared to heavily-populated areas.

"Inner city blocks containing as many as 300 people receive the same amount of services as those blocks in outlying areas containing maybe 75 people," it said.

Concerning on - the - job training and the employment side of the picture, the commissioners heard a request for $700,000 to promote a program of the Opportunities Industrialization Center.

James Farer, acting executive director of the Baltimore OIC, outlined the program planned for Baltimore and pointed up the need for immediate financing.

Mr. Farer described the acquisition of three buildings for the OIC program with a total area of 47,000 square feet at rentals of $1 per year each.

Industry and labor have agreed to furnish equipment, supplies and teaching helps for the training programs.

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IN ADDITION, Farer

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Rosenstein calls for open occupancy in jobs

Stephen L. Rosenstein, candidate for Congress from the 7th District, declared today that when he is elected to Congress, he will wage an all out fight for "Open Occupancy in Jobs."

According to Mr. Rosenstein, membership in union locals must be open to any worker qualified for the job in question, regardless of race.

Mr. Rosenstein said, "The greatest barrier to colored progress is the economic barrier that closes the road to good, well-paying jobs.

"This is not news. Everybody knows it to be true—every sociologist, every editorial writer, every politician. But, for some reason, or for a variety of reasons, all of these leaders of opinion, whether they be white or colored, fail to put their finger on the true reason for the lack of open occupancy in jobs."

"The barrier is simply this: Many labor union locals, who are the sole judge of their own membership do not accept colored members, regardless of what the attitude of the union leadership may be. Under the present Labor Relations laws a company which has a contract with a union may hire anyone it wishes, provided that after a certain minimum period of employment, the new employee joins the union. But, if the union local does not accept colored members, the worker cannot hold the job."

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NO LOCAL company which has a contract with a union local which does not admit colored, can employ colored, no matter how badly his serv-

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Housing protest hits Laurel development

The sustained protest by the Activists For Fair Housing was taken to the county last week when several members of the civil rights group staged a sit-in at an apartment development in Laurel.

Led by Sampson Green, chairman, the Activists staged an uneventful sit - in at the Fox Rest Apartments on Bramble Lane, Rt. 197 in Laurel.

Mr. Green said his group resorted to direct action following futile attempts to obtain a rental policy statement from operators of the development.

Mr. Green said the protest was taken to Laurel because of its proximity to Ft. Meade, where many colored are inducted and trained for duty in Viet Nam.

"Apparently white America finds no conflict of conscience in making the assumption that colored soldiers qualify and, in fact has a duty, to defend his country around the world when called upon to do so, but is not qualified to live near white Americans right here at home," he declared.

FOLLOWING CONTACTS with officials of the development both in Laurel and Washington, the chairman said, no agreement was reached and the demonstration began.

Although state troopers were called to the scene there were no arrests when protestors called a halt to the sit-in.

Mr. Green said the Activists will return to the development Sunday.

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Voter books open Sat. for registration

The books open again for voter registration by the city's Supervisors of Elections this Saturday.

Registration will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and the coming Monday through next Saturday at the War Memorial, Fayette and Gay Sts.

Lloyal Randolph, assistant chief clerk, said registration is being moved from his offices across the street to War Memorial due to the vote count still under way.

The books close on registration of new voters on Oct. 3.

The general election is Nov. 8.

New election laws sought

In the wake of primary day election machinery breakdowns in many areas, calls for election reforms continued to come this week from various candidates.

Sen. Paul A. Dorf (5th D.) has announced he will introduce legislation to make election day a state holiday, with schools closed and these facilities used as polling places.

Charles S. Bressler, Republican candidate for comptroller, wants even more reforms.

He would have the pay of election judges increased from $25 to $50, set a mandatory paid one-day training session for all election officials, and have a process of keying voting machines to automatic data processing.

Inmate freed of 'bucket death' charge

Isaiah Pemp Midgett, 20, 200 block N. Paca St., a penitentiary inmate, was found not guilty of murder when he appeared before Judge James A. Perrott in Criminal Court Monday.

Mr. Midgett was charged with the death of Penfrase Sample, a 31-year-old inmate, on May 3.

According to information before the court, Sample and Midgett had an altercation at the Pen on May 3. When Sample threw a bucket at Midgett, he (Midgett) batted it back, causing the bucket to hit the older man in the head.

Pen hospital records show Sample was treated there May 3. Released from the hospital May 5, he went back to his duites.

However, on May 25, he collapsed and was sent to University Hospital. He died May 26 of an infection of the brain.

An autopsy showed his death was caused by the wound from the bucket 23 days earlier and Midgett was formally charged.

Gunshot death of Sgt. Stephens is a mystery

'He had just came back from Korea after two years . . . they told us he had been shot, but they said we wouldn't get the details for four weeks . .'

Mrs. Eva Banks, 1824 Presstman St., was speaking of the fatal shooting of her nephew, Sgt. Harold Lee Stephens, 27, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, on Sunday evening.

Funeral sevices for the soldier are set for Monday noon at Morton and Dyett Funeral Home, with the Rev. Theodore Jenkson, Gillis Memorial, officiating. Burial will be in Baltimore National Cemetery.

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SGT. STEPHENS grew up in Baltimore, attended public schools. He entered the Army eight years ago.

In addition to his aunt, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Bessie Stephens of 107 Albemarle St.; two sisters Betty Julian; and a brother, Carl, of Cliftwood, N. J.

Four years ago, also in September, another brother, Tony, then 24, was fatally stabbed in the Flag Court Housing Project where he lived in East Baltimore.

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