Judge sees 'gang wars' in Baltimore

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

"You can't stop gambling in Baltimore or anywhere else. It just can't be done.

"But one day it'll get to the point where Baltimore will wish it had.

"Easy money breeds other criminal diseases, that's the danger. Gambling without control can bring on anything ... murder ... gang wars.

"We already have murder that results directly from gambling. Do you think gang wars can't happen here? Well, you're going to see it."

The above assertions were the essence of a conversation the AFRO had Thursday with Judge Joseph Carter, known about town as "The Numbers Judge."

The jurist returned to the Court House Monday after five weeks absence due to an appendix operation.

Looking fine and "in the best of health for a man who is 62" Judge Carter is not in his regular seat behind the bench in Part 1 Criminal Court.

He is in "At Large No. 2 Court" listening to domestic cases or, "Momma doesn't love Poppa anymore" cases, as he puts it.

The jurist will return to Part 1 within the next few weeks to hear the "Beau Jack" lottery cases that resulted from the July 13 raid in the 1500 block of Pennsylvania Ave.

On the trial that promises to attract more attention

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TENANT DISSATISFACTION with inadequate housing was voiced at the meeting by Mrs. Louise Finey (center), 1100 block N. Gay St., who rents from Mr. Pledger.

PROPERTY OWNERS met Wednesday night to organize the Metropolitan Property Owners Association against vandalism under spokesman Floyd R. Pledger (addressing audience). Sitting at the head table were police Lt. Col. Frank J. Battaglia (center) and Hyman Pressman.

Telephone Co. wants no review

The charge of discrimination in employment placed against the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company by a service representative, Mrs. Bernice E. Jackson, 3800 block Edgewood Rd., is now before Baltimore City Court.

The phone company is asking the court to block the Community Relations Commission's effort to review a decision that found C and P is not guilty of failing to promote Mrs. Jackson because of her race.

The decision concerning Mrs. Jackson came from the Commission's three-member tribunal after hearings in April.

Submitted in a report in September, two members, H. Raymond Cluster, chairman, and Dr. John S. Thomson said they found no discrimination.

A third member, Mrs. Charles F. Michaelson, said the telephone company in the Jackson case is grossly negligent in implementing the city's anti-bias legislation as well as the corporation's own stated policy of equal opportunity.

C and P claims the Commission has no right to review the favorable decision given by the committee.

Clayton A. Dietrich, assistant city solicitor and prosecutor on behalf of the Commission, will support the Commission's contention that it has a right to review the decision of the three-member tribunal.

CORE gets training aid of $147,000

A $147,000 pilot program for CORE, designed to train unemployed young men in auto service station work, has been approved by the Department of Labor.

The project will benefit 48 out-of-school youths between the ages of 17 through 21, principally in the East Baltimore anti-poverty area.

Sponsored by CORE in cooperation with the Humble Oil Co., the program will get under way soon at an ESSO station at Gay and Astor Sts.

It is to be a 12-month program, divided into two six-month sessions and combining on-the-job training with educational activities and guaranteed part-time work for the trainees.

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MAJ. GEN. George M. Gelston, adjutant Maryland National Guard, was instrumental in initiating the groundwork for the project some months ago, while he was serving as Baltimore's interim police commissioner.

The Humble Oil Co. cooperated by placing four trainees selected by CORE in its retail training center in Luthervilla.

These youths, having completed the course which included service station mechanical training, will train those selected at the Gay St. station.

The Humble Oil Co. is also cooperating in equipping the station, and standing ready to give employment to the qualified youths who com-

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Man in bigamy case plans another marriage

Charles Eugene Allen Jr., 28, 1000 block Bonaparte Ave. a native of Alaska, admitted in Criminal Court Tuesday he had married two women without benefit of divorce awhile back and is planning to marry again on Dec. 21.

However, just before Judge James K. Cullen granted probation before verdict, he advised, "stay away from women" since "they are the cause of your winding up in court today."

Mr. Allen agreed, "I will" as he left the courtroom where Wife No. 1 was present, The matron, Mrs. Alma Marie Johnson Allen, had obtained a divorce Sept. 14.

According to Detective Herbert Armstrong of the States Attorney's Office, the charge of bigamy was lodged against Allen by Mrs. Eleanor Smith Allen, Wife No. 2, in May of this year.

Upon investigation in the Marriage License Bureau, Mr. Allen and Wife No. 1, Miss Alma Marie Johnson, were married Sept. 23, 1962 when he was 23 and she was 17. The Rev. M. R. Silver performed the ceremony.

He and Wife No. 2, the former Miss Eleanor V. Smith, were married four years later on March 7, 1966 by the Rev. Clarence Henson, 27 S. Caroline St., the records showed. He was 28 and she was 21.

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TO EXPLAIN what Judge Cullen termed "an awfully confusing affair," Mr. Allen testified his second marriage was intended to be a "mock marriage" to please Wife No. 2's mother.

He told the court Miss Smith told him she was expecting a child and he consented to "pretend" they were married "for her mother's sake."

However, he disclosed Miss Smith and her mother went downtown and got a real marriage license" much to his surprise.

He said he was also under the belief that the minister who married them was not "a real preacher."

After no baby arrived, he told the court, "I left her."

Asked by his attorney what were his future plans now Wife No. 2 had divorced him and untangled the two-wife situation, Mr. Allen revealed, "I am getting married on Dec. 31 to a real nice girl named Patricia."

Following an exclamation of "Oh, no!" Judge, Cullen added, "You better stay away from women for a little while at least."

Later he inserted, "But if you have to, be sure to get a real preacher this time."

Deserted after month, woman granted divorce

According to Mrs. Helen Thomas of 1101 W. Mulberry St., her husband, Benjamin Thomas Jr., was looking to be cherished, not to cherish.

The wife, who divorced him, last week, said that he deserted her a month after their marriage when the rent came due. He refused, she said, to pay the rent. He told her, according to testimony, that she paid the rent before he married her and came into the home and she could pay it after he was there.

A DIVORCE went to Raymond James of 2630 Hoffman St.

Mr. aJmes, who is in the army now lives in Augusta, Ga. They were married on Dec. 1, 1962, and voluntarily ended the union on January 6, 1963, he testified.

Bedivel Williams, stationed at Fort Meade, was witness for Mr. James. He testified that he talked to both Mr. and Mrs. James, and knew that the separation was agreeable to both.

Judges take oaths Monday

Associate Judge William T. Tippett Jr., will be sworn in as chief judge of People's Court at noon Monday in that building, Fayette and Gay Sts.

At the same time, E. Paul Mason Jr., former chief clerk, Supervisors of Elections, will be sworn in as an associate judge of that court.

Mr. Mason will fill the vacancy resulting from the retirement of Chief Judge Allan W. Rhynhart and elevation of Judge Tippett.

Gov. J. Millard Tawes is scheduled to present the commissions to Judge Tippett and Mr. Mason.

Landlords call for action on vandalism in rentals

By ROGER J. NISSLY

The inaugural meeting of the Metropolitan Property Owners Association, organized by Floyd R. Pledger of Richwood Realty, deteriorated Wednesday night into a debate between speakers and tenants, one of whom rented from Mr. Pledger.

After the meeting, attended by some 300 real estate men, businessmen, a deluge of newsmen and invited civic leaders, U-JOIN set up a picket line outside the Stafford Hotel protesting "inadequate housing."

U-JOIN staffer Rusty Gilbert said the proceedings "demonstrate clearly that this property owners' association is not any different from any other landlords' association."

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AS MR. PLEDGER finished his speech, calling for a committee of rights groups, city agencies and businessmen to fight vandalism, his tenant, Mrs. Louise Finey, 1100 block N. Gay St., stood and declared, "You are my landlord, and my house is falling apart."

In vain, Mr. Pledger tried to quell the disturbance from the audience by stating the chair would not entertain questions from the floor.

"I have been living there for two years, and you refuse to do anything about it," Mrs. Finey shouted, as other tenants voiced their agreement.

The chairman called for police at the door to remove the woman but they did not respond.

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NEXT SPEAKER was Lt. Col. Frank J. Battaglia, who, representing the police commissioner, stated simply, "We do stand ready to assist you in combating vandalism," and sat down.

He later engineered the peaceful leaving of the meeting by 15 tenants, saying in the hallway leading to the ballroom, "I don't want to lock anybody up."

Mr. Pledger called upon David Glenn of the mayor's office to say a few words. Dave Glenn judiciously stated that he was simply representing the mayor as an "observer."

Hyman Pressman tried to exert a calming influence on the voiced complaints, but failed.

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IN HIS speech, Mr. Pledger charged that "pressure groups" joined with "similar pressure groups" to "get things stirred up" in Rent Court, resulting in the escrow decisions by judges.

In just "twelve short days, with a combination of positive thinking, positive action and assistance from the press we brought these shenanigans to an abrupt halt," he declared.

Rent Court judges had been ordering rent held in escrow for repairs since August, until this Tuesday when Supreme Bench Chief Judge Dulaney Foster ruled that they had no authority to do so, but agreed with the need for legislation to give them the authority.

Mr. Pledger urged stiffer penalties for vandalism, fingerprinting of tenants and the right to get new addresses of clients from the Welfare Department.

Stating that "slums are made by the people who live in them," he invited "public and civic minded citizens to work with us," including CORE, U-JOIN and NAACP.

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MR. PLEDGER began organizing the association several weeks ago when Judge Carl W. Bacharach ordered Mrs. Finey's rent held in escrow until repairs were made to her house.

As tenants left the meeting, property owners began signing the books of the new association.

Admits he had moonshine at home for eggnog

Allie Ingram, 56, 700 block Stirling St., pleaded guilty to having 95-proof moonshine in his home when he was brought before Judge James K. Cullen in Criminal Court Tuesday.

A victim of epilepsy, Mr. Ingram received a suspended sentence of one year in the House of Correction and was advised by the court to "stay off the stuff."

Police officers who staked out the residence before obtaining a warrant for the raid on July 13, said they found two half-pints of the home brew inside the stove.

They testified they felt Mr. Ingram was not selling the mountain dew, however. Mr. Ingram also said he was not selling moonshine but, on that hot July day at 1:45 p.m. when the police came, was getting ready to make some egg nog.

He denied he was slipping home brew over the fence to inmates at the nearby Penitentiary and Baltimore City Jail.

SIGN OF TIMES

Hassle over TV lights stirs board

News cameramen and teachers' union spokesmen in verbal battle at School Board meeting.

By MAX JOHNSON

Tempers flared and heated exchanges between Eli Frank Jr., board president, and two representatives of teachers' union erupted at the meeting Thursday afternoon of the Board of School Commissioners.

This was followed by another flareup between Mr. Frank and two WMAR-TV newsmen.

Mr. Frank won both rounds.

The union representatives, Dennis Crosby, president, Baltimore Teachers Union, and Joseph Cascella, American Federation of Teachers, walked out in a huff, literally ejected.

They had tried unsuccessfully to present to the board a matter Dr. Laurence G. Paquin, superintendent, argued should be presented first to the board of superintendents.

The commissioners upheld Dr. Paquin.

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THE TV newsmen left angrily, after Mr. Frank demanded that they turn out their working lights.

This followed complaints from some of the commissioners that the lights were uncomfortable and blinded their vision.

One commissioner, Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss, called the lights blinding, and suggested they be on only

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Drop picketing of Meyerhoff in compromise

The Baltimore County League for Human Rights headed by Eugene L. King Sr., called off picketing the dinner party honoring Joseph Meyerhoff because the effort might have harmed the primary purpose of the dinner, raising funds for Israel.

Mr. Meyerhoff, a builder, has been considered a major block in the way of integration of housing in the area.

Attempts are now being made to schedule a meeting between colored citizens and builders. Mr. King said Wednesday his group has received offers from Jewish leaders to put pressure on Mr. Meyerhoff and other builders who still refuse to accept integrated housing.

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Clergy, Rights Units Back Powell

Parks wants member on Zoning Board

Fourth District City Councilman Henry G. Parks Jr. served notice late Thursday that unless a "qualified colored person" is named to one of two pending vacancies on the Zoning Board, he will "block the appointment" of whomever is selected by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin.

Mr. Parks reiterated the stand he took two years ago when the subject was first raised.

His latest declaration came Thursday when he was asked if an attempt to persuade Mayor McKeldin to name a board member of color would be renewed since there will be two vacancies as of Dec. 31.

"I first raised the question two years ago and all I've gotten since is a lot of double talk, the councilman answered heatedly.

"First I was given the understanding that a colored person would be appointed to the first of the last two vacancies. Then the mayor's friend — Richard Gilbert — was appointed.

"Before the term of Frank Cucci expired we were promised that a colored person would be named to his vacancy. Then Mr. Cucci was given a new term."

Following these developments, according to the councilman, another discussion on the matter was held last summer, and again he was assured a colored person would be appointed.

"I was told to wait until December because the vacancies wouldn't occur until the 31st. It's December and nobody has said anything about it."

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THE TERMS of Mr. Gilbert and Edward Kowzan end on Dec. 31 and Mayor McKeldin discussed the pending appointments Wednesday with members of the Republican City Committee.

It was reported that the mayor is looking for colored applicants because Mr. Parks and his colleague from the Fourth, Councilman Walter T. Dixon, were at odds on the selection of an appointee.

An aid to Mayor McKeldin told the AFRO the matter was discussed Wednesday and that it was decided the successor to Mr. Kowzan must be a real estate man with seven years experience.

Mr. Parks said this agreement was reached when the matter first came up. "That's nothing new. I recommended Roger Johnson and Daniel Spaulding, both of whom

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Mrs. Santa gets another touching appeal for help

"Please help me, please. I trust in God somebody will help my family."

Of all the pathetic and heart - rendering pleas mailed to Mrs. Santa this Christmas season, the above excerpts come from one which so tragically illustrates the plight of thousands of poor families in the city.

It comes from a mother of 11 children — three of whom are retarded. Among their afflictions she listed brain damage, which requires special shoes and other equipment handicapped children need desperately.

For these children, however, the need has never been met.

Here's how the mother tells it:

"I am mother and father. I have six small children at home. The Army took my oldest son. We are on the Welfare, but we don't get money enough to get some of the things we need.

"We need food, clothes, milk for the young baby, and shoes for one of the retarded children.

"They were prescribed by the Division of Handicapped Children of the Baltimore Health Department.

"I only have to pay $3. But I can't. I don't have it. They will not give it to me."

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THE MOTHER adds that she is ill from a recent caesarean birth and is suffering from a heart condition.

An investigation of the family's condition confirmed the mother's evaluation.

It also showed conditions were understated.

THE AFRO'S Mrs. Santa is currently soliciting funds so that this family — and others equally in need — will have at least a decent meal for Christmas.

In order to do so — since the number of needy banking on Mrs. Santa are unbelievably high this year — an unprecedented number of contributions are needed.

In spite of this rather gloomy picture, however, Mrs. Santa was able to smile this week.

Here's why.

The Walbrook Merchants Association called to donate $100 for the food for the needy project.

Earlier Bernard Nachalus publisher of the Pennsylvania - Avenue Lafayette Market Association repeated their generous gesture of a year ago.

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NOW, AS then, members of PALMA are donating 100 food - laden baskets to Mrs. Santa for distribution among

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$100 GIFT for AFRO's Mrs. Santa came this week from the Walbrook Junction Merchants Association. Check was presented by Mrs. Letty Hilbourne, treasurer, and George Tibbs, president. Gift is one of largest received by Mrs. Santa thus far this year to help provide food baskets for needy at Christmas.

Clerics ask sheriff to equalize jobs

The Civic Committee of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance that visited Sheriff Frank J. Pelz in his Courthouse offices Tuesday asked that all other hiring cease in the office until the correct proportion of colored citizens is on the payroll.

Informed that new deputies are placed through a system of political recommendations mainly from State Senators, the ministers asked that no recommendations be accepted unless they are for non-white officers.

The Rev. Marion Bascom, one of the three committee members present at the hour-long conference, phrased the request after Sheriff Pelz said it was obvious the two colored employees on his 48-member staff "is nowhere percentagewise."

Despite his addition of the phrase, "but it takes time," the Rev. Mr. Bascom stated, "Because you recognize the problem, you should declare a moratorium in your office to say that no senator should have the right to recommend anyone for employment unless he recommends a colored citizen."

The Revs. Frank L. Williams, pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church and the Rev. Clinton Coleman, pastor of Bethel Methodist AME Zion Church were the other two ministers present.

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THE UNEXPECTED visit of the group began with the ministers describing their mission as exploratory, to get a portrait of the office and staff of the sheriff who was re-elected in the November General Elections.

The preachers also noted their intention of visiting the other offices located in the Courthouse.

The Rev. Mr. Bascom pointed out, "We have not discriminated in our voting. The Second, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts are composed of a whole lot of colored voters.

"There is a new colored citizen afoot in this community. Law enforcement and justice would have far more respect if the offices that administer it had a good image."

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MR. PELZ told the delegation he "inherited" the present office set-up from his predecessor in 1963.

He stated many employees remain in the office over 30 years and a person recent-

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REP. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL

Adam decides to pay widow

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y., is ready to comply immediately with the court order directing him to pay $60 a week toward a $164,000 defamation judgment against him, his office announced Wednesday.

Powell's willingness to comply with the order could mean the end to a host of troubles that have threatened him with imprisonment and possible loss of his congressional seat.

C. Sumner Stone, Powell's aide, issued a brief announcement. It said that upon the advice of his attorney, Henry Williams, Powell is determined to start paying the judgment in keeping with the New York Supreme Court Justice Joseph A. Brust to make weekly payments of $60 on the libel judgment resulting from the case of James vs Powell."

The payments will go to Mrs. Esther James, the 68-year-old Harlem widow, who in 1960 was described by Powell as a "bag woman" or graft collector.

IN 1963, Powell was found guilty of defaming Mrs. James. He lost subsequent attempts to force him to pay.

Stone said that Powell would make the first payment as soon as Justice Brust signs the necessary papers, "hopefully within the next few days."

Powell's compliance presumably will clear him of civil contempt. It was not certain, however, whether it would purge him of a criminal contempt verdict that also is pending.

Powell explains purpose of gun

BIMINI, Bahamas (UPI) — U. S. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D - N. Y., was quoted by the Miami Herald's Sunday editions in a copyrighted interview as saying he really didn't plan to shoot a magazine photographer last week.

He told Herald Reporter Gene Miller he felt put upon. He said a (CBS) television crew, replete with walkie talkies, lurked about his house for four days last week.

His shotgun, he said, is for "shooting sharks." He added he needed it "the other night for protection against a wild boar, a sow and four piglets."

Powell won his 12th term to Congress "without sending out a postcard," the Herald quoted him as saying. "Didn't make a speech. The Lord loves me."

Baltimore ministers take vote

WASHINGTON — A battle line is being drawn between congressmen who want to unseat Congressman Adam Clayton Powell and clergymen and civil rights groups who want to keep him where he is.

Those supporting the New York Congressman have reportedly joined together into a national ad hoc organization. Among its ranks are prominent civil rights organizations and clergymen.

The Committee of 10 Ministers in Washington has reportedly joined the organization which will probably be headed by a clergyman.

A member of the organization said that neither the name of the group nor its leader would be revealed before Saturday. The spokesman indicated the organization's purpose is to protect Powell in his fight to keep his seat.

Also, a reliable source reported that approximately 150 liberal House of Representative Democrats have been holding a series of behind - the - scenes strategy meetings for the purpose of unseating Powell.

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MEANWHILE, LOCAL groups in various parts of the country were backing Congressman Powell in his fight to retain his seat.

In Baltimore, the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church, confirmed that the influential Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance went on record Thursday in support of Mr. Powell on some matters.

Dr Payne said the ministers were glad to read that Congressman Powell had agreed to start paying the libel judgment against him.

He said a committee from the Baltimore Ministerial Alliance is working on a statement concerning its support of Powell retaining his seat.

Morgan defense faces big test

By SAM LACY

ORLANDO, Fla., — Morgan State College, which has reason to be proud of its football defense, may need to have it geared for peak performance here tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon in the Tangerine Bowl battle with West Chester State.

For the past several years, the Bears have been among the small-college leaders in begrudging the opposition chances for advancing the ball and scoring touchdowns. It is one of the prime factors in Morgan's recent domination of the CIAA.

HEAD COACH Earl Banks, who was defensive tutor at Maryland State College before taking over at Morgan, and defensive backfield tutor Jesse Thomas, a former pro luminary in this department, have moulded a truly fine defensive unit at the Baltimore school.

Indications are that they, and their pupils, will be put to severe test by the deep and aggressive Pennsylvania eleven.

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WEST CHESTER statistics offer firm proof of a well-balanced attack, one that gets the job done on the ground

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Will Mayor McKeldin integrate his slate?

By MOSES J. NEWSON

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin soon may have to give yes or no to a colored candidate for City Council president or comptroller in his ticket next year.

And it could turn out that a "no" would result in a Republican primary fight for one of the spots that could cast an unexpected shadow on the mayor's candidacy.

First discussions of a colored candidate seeking high office in the city elections next year came from a Democrat, Senator-elect Clarence M. Mitchell III of the Fourth District.

But now another Mitchell appears to have moved into the forefront in a number of quarters.

The AFRO learned this week that a Parren Mitchell, director of the anti-poverty agency, still has not said no to the idea that he switch parties and go for the second or third spot as a Republican.

The thinking seems to be that if the Republicans are going to show progress in building the party in Baltimore City, next year is the time to make the bold move.

Both the National GOP and Gov.-elect Ted Agnew have party-building as key goals at this time.

Mayor McKeldin over the years has gained more reputation as a Republican liberal than as a party builder.

Some observers see the election next year as his last big opportunity to make a major contribution to party building in the city.

NOBODY is saying anything publicly about the Mitchell outlook but even some

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CAA convention scheduled Sunday

Baltimore's Community Action Agency is holding an Action Area Convention complete with elected delegates from poverty centers on Sunday at Poly High School, North Ave. and Guilford.

Parren Mitchell, CAC executive director, said this was the first time such a general community meeting had been scheduled here and that the poor will be in charge and able to have their say.

Theme of the convention is "What Is The Best Way For You To Help Solve The Problems of Your Neighborhood?"

During the afternoon session Mr. Mitchell will speak and in the morning associate director Stanley Z. Mazer will be heard but the convention chairman who will run the session is a member of the poverty area. Mrs. Mattie Parker of the Murphy Homes.

The 21 anti-poverty centers 17 of them in East Baltimore, have elected 66 delegates to the convention. They will meet in discussion groups during the morning to recommend means of making the CAC program more effective.

During the afternoon session residents from throughout the poverty areas will have a chance to be heard in three-minute talks.

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MAYOR McKELDIN has been invited to make an appearance and observers from the Office of Economic Opportunity from Washington are expected to be on hand.

Transportation is being made available for those persons who want to attend but would find it impossible without a ride.

The 66 delegates convene at 10 a.m. The afternoon session when all residents will be heard opens at 1:30 p.m.

Trade OEO for $2 wage: Rustin

Civil Rights Leader Bayard Rustin says he'd trade the whole Anti - poverty Program for a guaranteed minimum wage of $2 an hour.

Rustin, director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, told the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Conference here Monday that antipoverty programs provide "Only temporary solutions to long-range problems.

"A $2 minimum wage would be the most important single factor of significance in American life," he said. "It would do more than the entire Antipoverty Program."

Muslims invade Islamic mosque

NEW YORK (UPI)—Five men claiming to be Black Muslims, caused a diplomatic stir Tuesday, by trying to "Take Over" the Islamic Center and Mosque where many United Nations officials from Arab countries worship.

The leader of the take-over party carried a scimitar. They were arrested by police and charged with attempted robbery, attempted extortion and coercion, unlawful entry and possession of illegal weapons.

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POLICE SAID the group entered the Islamic Center in the Afternoon and one of them, identified as Garrag Muhammad, told the director of the center:

"We are going to take over this mosque. Our mosque was burned down. The people who attend this mosque will be at the black man's feet from now on."

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THE DIRECTOR of the center, Dr. Muhammad Rauf, an Egyptian, told police one of the men said

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Viet-bound Gregory arrives in London

LONDON (UPI) — American Comedian Dick Gregory said Monday he was prepared to face a possible five-year prison term if the U.S. Government prosecutes him for his forthcoming trip to Communist North Vietnam.

Gregory told newsmen on his arrival at London Airport that he will continue to Paris "within two days," and from there will make air connections for Hanoi.

He said the U.S. Government has thus far made no move to halt him. They have no right to," he said.

"If I run into trouble, it will be on re-entering the country after this first visit."

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GREGORY is traveling to North Vietnam although the U.S. State Department forbids travel by Americans there.

He is going there this time, he said, to arrange for a second visit after the Christmas holiday, for the purpose of entertaining American prisoners of war.

The comedian, a self-declared pacifist, said he did not anticipate any trouble in the Communist nation. He said he was travelling solely as an entertainer.

"I would never entertain soldiers on either side of a war. But I will entertain prisoners. It's the same as entertaining prisoners in a jail.

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"BUT THIS does not mean I'd go to a bank robber's cabaret," he declared.

Much of the prior arrangements for Gregory's two planned visits to North Vietnam has been handled by the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation.

The Paris-based organization is currently putting finishing touches on its planned "War Crimes Tribunal" against President Johnson, scheduled for March.

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GREGORY SAID he would stop briefly in Paris to confer with members of the foundation.

Gregory will take his wife and two eldest daughters with him on the second trip to Hanoi, he said.

He said he was undertaking the project, no matter what the risk," because of man's inhumanity to man."

VEEP SPEAKS OUT

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands (UPI)—Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey called on Americans Monday to upgrade the quality of civil rights."

Morgan telecast set for 1:30 o'clock

The Morgan State College - West Chester football game will be televised in color tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, commencing at 1:30 o'clock.

Viewers may tune in Channel 13 for the telecast from the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

The game is sponsored by the small-college division of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and pits undefeated Morgan against a Pennsylvania eleven with a record of 8-2 for the season.

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