# Textbook lack hit by PSTA

The "lack of adequate textbooks and supplementary textbooks is symptomatic of the deplorable conditions in the Baltimore City Schools," according to Mrs. Rene B. Freund, president of the Public School Teachers Association, which has released preliminary figures from a survey taken on this lack.

PSTA's report, which is due to be released soon, will show that almost half of the elementary teachers and 56 per cent of the junior high school teachers responding to the survey indicate that they have an insufficient quantity of textbooks.

"During the past 10 years," Mrs. Freund pointed out, "more than $64,998,000 has been cut from the budget requests of the Board of Education, and the effect has been to snowball our difficul-

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MARYLAND STATE seniors among those discussing jobs with various representatives of area firms included Isaiah McKenzie, business education, and Miss Sylvia E. Clark, sec. retarial, talking to Leroy F. Barber Jr. of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company.

TWO MORGAN STATE mathematics majors, Richard B. Smith and Norman D. Wiley, take up job prospects with Paul B. Lang, employee relations administrator, Bendix Field Engineering Corp. (AFRO Staff Photos by Phillips)

# 'Witnesses' told need of new system

"What mankind needs is an entirely new system of things governing the planet Earth — one of superhuman and irresistible power and authority for good."

James W. Filson was delivering his public Bible discourse at the Coliseum Sunday during the climax of the three-day convention of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Mr. Filson's subject was, "Satisfying Mankind's Greatest Need."

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DELEGATES FROM 17 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses were among the 1,614 in attendance.

Mr. Filson, special representative for the world headquarters of the Watchtower Society in Brooklyn, was featured lecturer during the assembly.

"Mankind today with its many problems — war, family disunity, sickness, civil rights and discrimination, — is unable to cope with them.

It is unable to satisfy the need to end war, create friendly relations between the races, solve family problems and remedy many other problems," Mr. Filson declared.

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HE POINTED to the Bible to support the fact that pride, selfishness and inborn sin, with its inherited disabilities, are insurmountable barriers.

"Both rulers and ruled alike suffer from these obstacles to a sane and happy life on earth." He said.

"God is interested in mankind's needs and has arranged systems of things for his blessing. Beginning with the systems of right government of human lives back before the flood and continuing through the patriarchal rule in the time of the forefathers of Israel, God established many systems of righteous control or government, the minister declared, adding:

"With the previews of the systems of right government in the pre-Christian area and those of the Christian era of Jesus' day, Jehovah God has promised through his Word, the Bible, that during this 20th Century His system of rule will include a govern-

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# BURHA makes no progress in integrating projects

No progress has been made toward integrating the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency's projects, a spokesman said Tuesday.

However, the agency's total efforts to this end have been just to advise applicants when vacancies exist.

There have been no colored applicants, the spokesman said, for the all - white O'Donnell Heights or Brooklyn projects.

Vacancies rarely occur at the Clairmont, according to the spokesman, but there is a long waiting list of applicants.

The spokesman did not determine whether this listing included both races.

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MEANWHILE, HATE literature is being circulated at the O'Donnell project, calling on the residents to band together to bar any but white applicants.

It carries the authority line of a "Faith Gosnell."

The organization ACTIVISTS has requested a meeting with BURHA officials during the week of Jan. 16, to determine what steps are being taken to integrate this and other projects.

As of now, there remains little for ACTIVISTS to find out.

"We have made every effort to inform all applicants of vacancies that do occur at O'Donnell and Brooklyn," the BURHA spokesman stated, "but we haven't had any colored applicants.

"They either don't like the neighborhoods, or don't like the distance from their own churches and colored neighborhoods.

"We give the people a right of choice to go where they want to go."

The spokesman said letters are mailed to applicants for project housing, informing of vacancies and such a listing is posted in the housing office.

BURHA officials announced some months ago, after considerable insistence by some civic organizations, steps would be taken to encourage the integration of the projects.

Those efforts have not brought any such results to date, the BURHA spokesman revealed.

# Estate reins to Mrs. Barber

Letters were granted to Mrs. Louise Barber to administer the estate of her brother, George Eaton, Jr. in Orphans Court, Thursday.

Mr. Eaton, who died at his home, 2221 Riggs Avenue, on July 30, this year, is also survived by two other sisters, Miss Louise Eaton and Mrs. Calista Cunningham; a brother, Luther E. Eaton of 2722 Riggs Ave.; and his mother, Mrs. Emma Eaton of the Riggs Avenue address.

# 97 companies discuss jobs with college seniors here

By ROGER J. NISSLY

The usual round of company recruitment of college senior, was transferred from the campuses to the Civic Center this Wednesday and Thursday in a unique experiment called "Operation Native Son."

Aimed at encouraging Baltimore college students — whether they attend school in or out of state — to use their talents with local firms, the affair was sponsored by the Industrial Relations Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Baltimore.

The experiment, now in its second year, promises to become a permanent Christmas holiday institution, with this year's project nearly doubling the number of companies and students represented in the first "Operation Native Son."

This year 97 companies sent representatives, as compared to 67 last year and the 500 students who sent back pre - registration forms last year was more than doubled.

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BEFORE NOON on Wedesday, in the snow and sleet, 500 of the expected 1,200 college seniors had taken advantage of the interviewing posts set up in the lower rear exhibition room of the Civic Center.

Waiting for them were eager company representatives sitting beneath bright signs proclaiming their employers, ranging from "AAI Corporation" to "Whitman, Requardt and Associates," and including the Baltimore City Departments of Public Welfare and Public Schools and Civil Service Commissions.

For the fortunate students, and those who wanted to proceed further with a particular company, higher - up officials conducted more in-depth interviews in the Holiday Inn.

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TELEPHONE LINES connected the Civic Center directly to the rooms in the Holiday Inn to expedite the setting up of the in - depth interviews.

Students gained an added service — a special boon to those who know the agony of filling out resume form after resume form. For the occasion, duplicating machines were on hand, manned by pretty workers with "O. N. S." armbands, to run off as many copies as a student needed.

Gailord C. Hicks, chairman of the operation, said registration forms were sent to 500 colleges.

General staff supervisor for the C and P Telephone Co., Mr. Hicks noted that last

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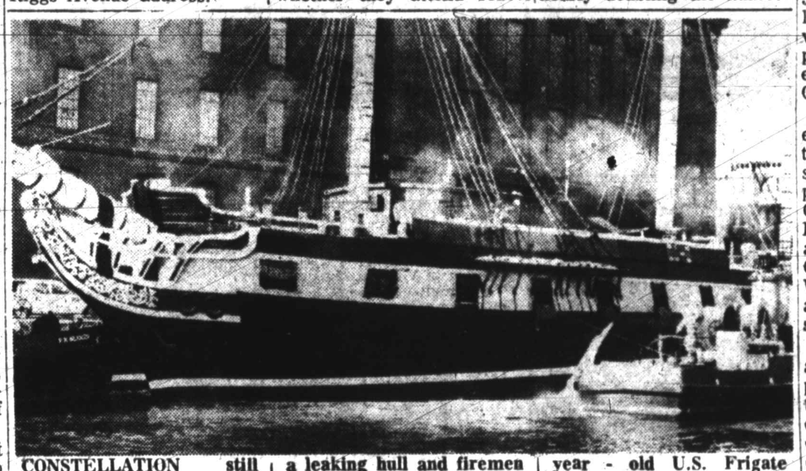

CONSTELLATION still floats at Pier 4 after it foundered this week with a leaking hull and firemen had to pump out water for over five hours. The 167-year - old U.S. Frigate Constellation is the Navy's oldest warship.

# Marine killed in Vietnam after short war prophecy

A Marine's letter to his mother telling her he believed the war in Vietnam was becoming short, carried more grim prophecy than he might have suspected.

Cpl. John S. Hall, 18, 532 Johannsen St., was killed in action Dec. 23, just before the Christmas cease - fire truce in Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hall, his parents, were notified of his death the past Monday.

Cpl. Hall's last letter to his parents, with his prophecy of the war shortening, was received by them Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Hall told the AFRO her son had been wounded twice before, while serving as a machine gunner on patrols.

This time she said a chaplain told her he was shot by enemy gunfire on a bridge and fell into a stream below. His body had not been recovered.

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THE CORPORAL had high plans for his future, his mother said.

He had sent additional checks home with regular monthly ones, to aid him to "get started in civilian life."

A former student at Booker T. Washington Junior High and Douglass High School, he had quit to join the Marines over a year ago.

He was the oldest of six children of Mr. and Mrs Jones Mr. Jones is an employee of a Curtis Bay brick company.

# Final rites slated Sat. for C. E. Henson, educator

FREDERICK — Charles Edward Henson of 127 S. Dent St., will be given final rites 11 a.m., Saturday at the Asbury Methodist Church here.

He died suddenly Wednesday morning at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Mrs. Gwendolyn Bolden Henson of Oxford, Ohio and the son of the late Eli and Lula Henson of Baltimore.

He was born in Baltimore Feb. 25, 1906 and attended elementary and high schools there. His undergraduate work was done at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

After graduation in 1928 Mr. Henson was assigned as teacher-principal in a two-room elementary school in Anne Arundel County. From 1929 to '31, he served as teacher-principal in a two-year high school on St. Michaels on the Eastern Shore.

He was a teacher-principal of a four-year-high school in Easton from 1931 to '34.

From 1936 to '38 the educator qualified for a certificate in elementary supervision and became supervisor of the high and elementary schools in Kent County.

He came to Frederick in 1938 as principal-teacher of the four-year high school. In 1939 he was also made part-time supervisor of the elementary schools of Frederick

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CHARLES E. HENSON

# Homecoming party for Job Corps

Billed as a "Homecoming Party," the Job Corps' annual reception for its trainees drew about a hundred "poised, self - confident" youngsters to City Hall Wednesday afternoon.

Held in cooperation with Women in Community Service (WICS), which recruits the young corpswomen, the party featured cookies and cakes made by the staff and dancing from 2 to 4 p.m.

Corpsmen are eligible for the Christmas trip home if they have served with the Job Corps for six months or more.

Mrs. Marion Pines, project director for the recruitment center on the fourth floor of City Hall, said the returning youngsters had changed a great deal and were now exuding "pride, poise and self confidence."

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CORPSMEN who traveled the farthest distance for the party came from centers in Washington, Oregon and California.

Corpsmen who are enrolled in the centers progress at their own rate and can graduate any time up to a maximum of two years.

# Women inmates get new terms

Five women inmates at the Maryland Correctional Institution have received additional terms in connection with the recent riot.

They were:

Barbara R. Fairley, 30, three years, for assaulting a guard with a knife; Ellen Turner, 25, 30 days for assaulting the institution's superintendent; Iceline Burrell, 21, 30 days, for assaulting a prison matron; Rita Mae Johnson, 17, and Vivian Leach, 25, 90 days each, for breaking windows.

The flareup at Jessup was on Nov. 26. Judge Robert Heise said all the inmates pleaded guilty and that three refused court - appointed counsel.

GAME FELLOW is seven-year-old Kevin Alston, of 1035 Orleans St. He was photographed at the AFRO's Mrs. Santa program. Despite a bone ailment which has kept him in leg braces and on crutches for the past six months, Kevin manages to move any place he wants to go. He is in the first grade at School No. 139.


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