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The Civitan Club of Baltimore will hold a "Boost the Port of Baltimore" luncheon program at the Emerson Hotel.

'Hello Dolly' benefit to open new theatre

(See Photos, Page 31)

By ADAH K. JENKINS

Theatre in Baltimore begins a new era with the opening of the Morris Mechanic Theatre in Charles Center on Jan. 16.

"Hello Dolly" top Broadway musical, with Betty Grable, is the opening production booked for three weeks. The first night is a benefit performance for the John F. Kennedy Institute for the Rehabilitation of Disabled Mentally and Physically Handicapped Child.

The Institute, which is the first of its kind in this country, will be an addition to the two-year-old Children's Medical and Surgical Center at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Focusing on the development of new treatments, the institute will train pediatricians, nurses, therapists and the many others needed for the treatment of the handicapped and retarded.

Construction costs of over 3 million dollars have received a Federal grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which is to be matched on a three to one basis by private donations.

Interested donors for the benefit performance may purchase tickets at $25, $50 and $100 by calling 837-3913.

The Institute board is headed by Benjamin D. Williams, president, and Carlyle Barton Jr. vice president.

Subscriptions for the regular evening and matinee performances may be mailed to the Mechanic Theatre, Charles Center 21201, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return tickets. The theatre box office is open daily (except on Sundays) from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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BY BETTYE M. MOSS

People, places, things

Sales note: The AFRO is on sale at Read's Drugstore at Edmondson Village. You can pick it up there if you are not on home delivery.

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Best wishes to Dr. R. Hayes Strider, 2703 Talbot Rd. He was in Lexington Ky. last week to bury his mother.

Mrs. Bessie J. Strider, 83, spent a lifetime as leader in her church (First Baptist), and in civic affairs.

Like any fond mother, she was particularly proud that her children had achieved. They spent more than a half century in the Lexington City school system.

Daughter, Anna M. Johnson, now of Cincinnati, taught 13 years at Lexington's Carver Elementary; son, Maurice, completed 22 years as teacher at Dunbar High and Morehead State University before his retirement last summer.

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And, Baltimore's Dr. Strider, now head of the music department at Morgan State College, was music supervisor in the Lexington schools and founded the Dunbar High Marching Band."

Mother survivors: son-in-law, Edward Johnson, Cincinnati; daughters - in -law, Mrs. Mary Strider, Baltimore; and Mrs. Mildred Strider, Lexington.

Oddity: Mrs. Mildred Strider, mentioned above, had two funerals within the week, and she almost didn't make one. The plane on which she was a passenger crash - landed in Chattanooga.

Mrs. Strider is a distant relative of Mrs. Mamie Cox —she's the Savannah, Ga. resident who was maid to Marie Dressler, the famed movie star.

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Remember Mrs. Cox and her husband (Jerry), were left $50,000 under the Dressler will in 1934, and used the money to open a hotel complex in Savannah?

Mrs. Cox died on Monday in New York. Her remains were returned to Savannah for burial.

Mrs. Strider helped the deceased's sister, Mrs. Pearl Steele, make funeral arrangements.

Small world, isn't it?

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Appointed — Mrs. Catherine (Kitty) Mueller is in a new post.

Announcement was made this week that the Radio Free Asia has picked her to be social assistant to the national chairman (Charles Flanders).

Many know Mrs. Mueller as president of the Democratic Ladies' Guild.

More on this later.

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Arthur Lamb, English professor, who suffered a mild heart attack on the Morgan State College campus Wednesday, is expected to be in intensive care at Union Memorial Hospital the next couple of days and then home for rest.

The Ira Aldridge Players, which Mr. Lamb directs, went on with their scheduled performance last night and will continue tonight (Friday) and Saturday.

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Checkup: Dr. Carl Murphy, chairman of the board of the directors of the AFRO-AMERICAN Co., entered Hopkins Hospital yesterday (Thursday) for a checkup.

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Children do grow up; Enrolled at Baltimore Junior College: Cheryl Parks (she's daughter of City Councilman Henry Parks); and Thornton Dadfiels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Daniels.

His dad was with the state interracial commission until he accepted a top post with a Ford Foundation project last month.)

Both Cheryl and Thornton are handsome teens.

She is counselor of the sophomore class. He is counselor of the freshman class.

Spied them in attendance at the board of trustees meeting of the college on Thursday afternoon.

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Belated Should have had birthday cards in the mail on Jan. 12 for John McNair Sr., 907 N. Appleton.

Many know him as the interior decorator and as the trustee at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Talented teen met this week: Fifteen - year - old James A. (Jimmy) Green, is a tall, (5 ft. 10), musically talented, and terrific youngster who is going places.

And, you read it here first.

This writer met Jimmy when he performed at the monthly meeting of the Philomathian Club on Saturday evening.

He charmed the ladies with his gentlemanly manner (he was the only male present), and with his folk songs. And, get this, he accompanied himself on the guitar.

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Found out later that Jimmy is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Green Sr. (Mayfield), of Division St.

His dad's a teacher at School No. 122. He has a sister, Pattelle, who teaches at School No. 130.

At Douglass High, Jimmy is a junior. He plays oboe in the school band and goes to Sharon Baptist Church.

Keep your eyes on him.

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Starting - the - year - off right note: Members of the Continentals did just that on Sunday.

They worshipped at Heritage United Church of Christ, where the Rev. Wendell Phillips is minister.

After services, they joined members for the coffee hour.

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Baby note: It is a 7-pound girl for Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellis Robinson. Tia Koppelle was born Christmas Day at Sinai Hospital.

Dad is counselor at City College and Mom is on leave from the Math Department of Booker T. Washington Junior High.

There is one other daughter, Lynn, a seventh grader at Lemmel.

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Sad news: Out in Dayton, Ohio, Willism (Chink) Jones, the mortician, died Tuesday.

His wife, the former Laura Robinson, was once on the Morgan faculty, and two children survive, a son and daughter. The daughter is a Morgan student.

Note from New York tells of the death there of O'Savior Beatrize (2225 - 5th Ave.)

He was the father of our U. of Minnesota classmate, now Mrs. Audrey Dummett of New York.

Thinking of you cards to the widow, Mrs. Jennie E. Beatrize . . . she and her husband were grand people.

A couple of years ago we spotted their name on a mail box and had a grand reunion.

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Cuff note: The Youth Day morning speaker at Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday was truly a son of the church.

He is Orris J. Walker Jr., now studying for the Episcopal ministry and an assistant chaplain at the University of Maryland.

His musician grandmother, the late Mrs. Lovey E. Husketh was a pillar of the church.

His aunt, Mrs. Burnieta H. Murray has served as organist-director. His mother, Mrs. Llewelyn H. Walker, is an ardent worker with the women of Memorial.

Cultural Note: The Boston University Seminary Singers will be here in concert at Bethel AME Church on Friday, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m.

The nominal admission charge can't begin to pay for this treat. There is a student rate of $1.

Please take your class.

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W. Meredith Birch Jr., writes that his mom was home from the hospital for Christmas, is now back in Hopkins. Cards will reach her if addressed to Thayer Section, Room 813.

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William Reid Sr., father of Mrs. Edward Hurtt (Bea), of Morgan, is also in Hopkins Hospital, Osler 2.

Which reminds me that Mrs. Frances Hill's father, Fred N. Berry, formerly of Lynchburg, Va., is here now with her at their Morgan Park home. Remember he lost his wife not too long ago.

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Sunshine to City Hospitals for Clifton Matthews. He's in Ward 7 North section.

Many may remember Mr. Matthews as the longtime presser at Howard Cleaners, and still later at everybody's Cleaners in Pimlico.

Others may remember him as the brother of the AFRO's Ralph Matthews and of Mrs. Nellie Tarter of Monroe St.

More about people, things

A grace for the day

O Lord, we know so little in an age where science has expanded the frontiers of knowledge.

What holds our universe together?

What saves the stars and planets from chaos and utter confusion?

What is truth? What is good or evil? What is life or death? What is hereafter?

All these answers are in Thy hands, for this is Thy universe, we are Thy children and Thou art our Father.

Impart to us Thy truths and give us the wisdom and the strength to use what we have to the best of our abilities.

We thank Thee for this food and the hands which have prepared it.

Bless this house, this helpmate and all for whom we should pray. Amen. — C.M.

Clay nixed as minister

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UPI)—Cassius Clay's local draft board refused Thursday to consider his request for an exemption as a Black Muslim minister.

The setback was the second for Clay since Tuesday when the board turned down his request to classify him as a conscientious objector.

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THURSDAY'S action by the board shut off any appeal for a ministerial classification unless so ordered by a Federal Court.

Clay's attorney, Hayden Covington, said in New York he may seek a Federal Court injunction to force the board to reopen the case.

Covington has indicated he will take the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court necessary.

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BAORD Chairman J. Allen Sherman made the announcement after an hour long meeting of the board.

Covington said if Clay's appeals continued to be denied he may ask Gen. Lewis Hershey, the head of the Selective Service System, to intercede on the champion's behalf.

"This young man has as much of a right to a ministerial exemption as any other minister," Covington said.

"It should make no difference that he is the heavyweight champion, his ministerial duties are his vocation."

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UNDER Selective Service law, a person must not only be ordained a minister but must practice it as a vocation before he is entitled to an exemption.

Covington said he had entered into Clay's behalf statements and 92 petitions, signed by 3,810 Black Muslims, testifying that the champion is a full-time minister.

Clay says he preaches the gospel of the Black Muslims wherever he goes.

JAN. 20

The Loyola Evening College City — Wide Talent Show will be held from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., in McAuley Hall Auditorium on the Mount Saint Agnes College campus.

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MT. WINANS NEWS

Airman David Jackson returns to Fla. base

By GERTRUDE M. PARKER

Airman David R. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson have returned to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, after spending the holidays with Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. Gloria Clemens of Huron St.

All participants of the World Day of prayer Services in the area are asked to meet Sunday, Jan. 15, at 3 p.m. at the Bethany Baptist Church. Mrs. Catherine Johnson is chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Blocker, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Levi Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blocker were among the members and their wives attending the annual holiday party given by the Peerless Glee Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bush of Auchentroly Terrace on last Friday.

Spending the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wallace, were Capt. Jane Wallace, USA of New York City.

Mrs. Victoria Anderson of Huron Street was hostess to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Winans Methodist Church on last Sunday.

After presentation of the program "Christas and Muslim," A dinner was served. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Veveta Miller 2600 Huron St. Mrs. Gladys Burkett is program chairman. Mrs. Sadie Blocker is president.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lena Graham and family in the death of her sister, Mrs. Rosie Fossett of Sykesville, and to Mrs. Lucille Williams of Cedar Hill Lane for her father, Jessie Brown of Lauretta Ave.

AFRO ROVING REPORTER

This taxpayer with a gripe determined to get relief

By STERLING PAIGE

Webster Hinchen, a Post Office file clerk who lives at 3511 Dennlyn Rd., is a man with a gripe, and he intends to do something about it.

Since he moved to his present address in 1959, Mr. Hinchen has been "totally disgusted" with the services - or lack of services - provided in his area by the Sanitation Bureau and other city service agencies.

"Right now, all we get out this way is garbage and trash collection twice a week" — the home-owner complained.

"But it wasn't this way when my wife and I first moved out here. (Mrs. Frankie Hinchen has been a public school teacher for twenty-two years.)

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"THE SERVICES were excellent then," Mr. Hinchen explained.

"The streets were swept daily-alleys, too; streets were washed down once a week; leaves were collected and hauled away;

"And, very important, we used to get snow plows and salt trucks during heavy snows.

"Another thing, if you had some old furniture, bushes, etc.-bulky stuff-you put it out and just called.

"A truck came out the same day and picked it up. Now we get nothing?

Mr. Hinchen charges that, as the white residents moved out, the services went along with them.

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MR. HINCHEN is also fed up with calling City bureaus to make complaints, and taking time out to make personal visits to various offices.

"You raise enough fuss, they send out to take care of things for them.

"But that's not enough," Mr. Hinchen said. "Why shouldn't these services be given in all areas and without any complaints. We pay more taxes than years ago and get less service;

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MR. HINCHEN has already taken steps to correct the situation. He called a meeting at his home Saturday night. Other area residents and community leaders attended.

Another meeting, even bigger, is set for the near future. Then, Mr. Hinchen expects to have present a representative from each neighborhood improvement association in the city.

"We are going to get results NOW," he said, his Texas dander up.

Mr. Hinchen is a former Texas school teacher and World Warr II veteran.

He welcomes calls from other home owners with similar problems. His number is MO. 4-8454.

WEBSTER HINCHEN—his gripe may be your gripe, too.

Nix giving up presidency of Big Brothers

James E. Nix, dean of men, Morgan State College, will retire this month from his volunteer executive position as president of the Big Brothers of Baltimore Inc.

Dean Nix has been a member of the local Big Brother organization since his arrival in Baltimore in 1957, when he began as a big brother and "raised" two little brothers, the term the agency applies to fatherless boys.

He was appointed vice president in 1962 and president in April, 1964; the first colored member to hold such Big Brother executive office in the United States. In February, 1966, Dean Nix was appointed to the National Board of the Big Brothers of America.

Commenting on Dean Nix's pending retirement, George A. Seymour Jr., executive director of the local Big Brothers, stated, "I believe we can thank Jim Nix, more than any one person, for the fact that out of 322 working Big Brothers, 59 are now from Baltimore's colored community.

"He has dedicated himself tirelessly to increasing both the participation and utilization of colored volunteers. While we still need Big Brothers of all races, the situation has improved greatly thanks to Jim's personal interest and efforts."

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—Housing confab may spur action

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ly becoming places in which the spirit of man has the instinct to flee rather than to flourish."

Efforts to resuscitate the cities are thus doomed if trends continue, Mr. Wilkins said, since "America has shown no earnest disposition to take care of places populated solely by poor black people."

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ALL DISCUSSION was not limited solely to the need for open occupancy legislation.

A particularly volatile one of the five workshops was devoted to "Integration and the Breakdown of Municipal Services."

At one point in the afternoon, panel member Mrs. William H. Murphy, of the Community Action Commission, lamented the incinerator and open brning dumps in Cherry Hill.

Stressing the point that "we ought to have a watchdog committee on zoning" she observed, "We're supposed to have a planned community in Cherry Hill even with the incinerator."

"Maybe that's the plan," someone in the audience murmured.

"Yeah, how about that?" she countered.

"There are ways in which you can organize people," Mrs. Murphy stated, pointing out way pressure groups should work in obtaining, for example, a seat for a poor person on the School Board.

Later she added parenthetically, "I'm sick of coming to these things, because we're always talking to ourselves all the time."

GOVERNOR-ELECT Spiro T. Agnew sent his greetings to the conference, attended by 85 groups from business, civic and public agencies.

He called the situation in which Baltimore County has a three per cent colored population and the city 42 per cent "unhealthy and uneconomic; it is unjust and unrealistic."

For this reason, Mr. Agnew said he proposed legislation during his campaign on a statewide basis "to cover new housing and new apartments built on a speculative basis."

However, legislation is just one of the tools, which include "education and re-education of our citizenry on this subject" like the present conference), he said.

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AT A SHORT annual meeting of Baltimore Neighborhoods during luncheon, Edward L. Holmgren executive director of the organization and conference coordinator, made his farewell to take a similar post in his native Chicago.

"impossible to alter the status quo in our city," he exited to a standing ovation.

Stanley I. Fpainitz, president of the group which seeks to stabilize integrated neighborhoods, then introduced the new director, George B. Laurent, who offered to continue Mr. Holmgren's work as "servant and catalyst."

LUNCHEON speaker Richard C. Lee, in his 14th year as mayor of New Haven, Conn., outlined the process which has revitalized that city to the point where it is the first in the country in percentage of total land area in urban renewal projects.

The energetic mayor, who has been re-elected six times, stated his philosophy as: "Wi use every program available to invent new ones."

New Haven's record of "saturation services" includes $250 million in new buildings, a replacement of 40 per cent of capital plant in the school system, and 9,000 dwelling units or 20 per cent of the population in residential rehabilitation at a private capital cost of $15 million.

The goal, he said, must be to "make the cities "decent, ordinary places in which to work, live and go to school."

A vigorous mobile unemployment service in the city brought forth the comment, the mayor said, that "It's getting so in New Haven a man can't be unemployed in peace."

—Sex scenes

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man: "We had so many protesting calls. We had no intention to offend anyone.

"Now that we know, we are happy to take them down. This will never happen again while I am manager of this theatre."

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AN EXECUTIVE and spokesman for the chain, Jerry Fruchtman, told the AFRO late Thursday: "I certainly back up the statement of Mr. Johnson.

"I have not seen the displays myself, personally, but I assure the public we had no idea of offending anyone" that in the future he would personally give attention to the layouts of advertising material.

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AMONG OTHERS joining in the protest was Mrs. Christine Hughes who said: "This is not the kind of thing for our children to be exposed to.

President of the PTA, Mrs. Hughes lives at 501 Dolphin St., and is the mother of ten children, five of whom attend School No. 125.

FREDERICK JONES, 526 W. Lanvale St., president of the Jackson Neighborhood Club, in the area of the theatre, was among those who immediately called for action on the part of the management.

He registered displeasure over the sex content of certain areas of the body on the outside display pictures.

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ANOTHER RESIDENT Mrs. Audrey Mason, 1100 block Myrtle Ave., observed;

"The theatre display shows no respect for anybody's child," said Mrs. Mason. They might as well let them in —they can see everything outside."

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POLICE LT. Violet Whyte, who viewed the display and also saw part of the film, terme them, "obnoxious." I cant understand how this picture passed the Censor Board."

"I am please with the cooperation and prompt action of the Royal's manager, Mr. Johnson," Lt. Whyte added.

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THE REV. Kelly L.Jackson, pastor of Sharp St. Methodist Church at Dolphin and Etting Sts., three blocks from the theatre, commented:

"I have seen a lot of indecency but this picture is the most brazen, shameful, and degrading thing that has come to the entertainment world.

"Steps must be taken by all right thinking people to have such a picture outlawed.

"I join with any who will undertake such steps," he added.

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SOME RESIDENTS and business operator in the area told of swarms of school - children mothers in front of the display before an after school.

"This is ugly," said one.

"Turns my stomach every time I look at it," another complained.

Said Mr. Johnson, the Royal manager: "I'm glad it's over. Never again."

—Mate resents

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that they were married on September 22, 1963 and separated on October 9, 1964. She said they fought and couldn't get along harmoniously. Their one child was placed in custody of the mother.

MRS. JACQUELINE RUSSELL, who divorced Vincent Russell on grounds of voluntary separation, had her maiden name, Jacqueline Ann Chambers, restored.

The wife, who gave her address as 2718 Garrison Blvd., said that the marriage lasted only from November, 1962 to Dec., 1963.

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THE 10 - YEAR marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. McMullen was ended in Circuit Court, last week.

The wife, Mrs. Mildred F. McMullen, charged him with constructive desertion, testifying that his vicious conduct, which included beatings, assaults and threats against her, compelled her to leave him.

-U-JOIN ready

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rent legislation in the new session of the General Assembly.

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U-JOIN SAID it would work in the court to gain favorable decisions in four areas that are presently open to judges, in the absence of a crow legislation.

The four areas in which judges have the authority to make decisions favorable to tenants (when needed repairs are lacking) are:

1. Allowing a tenant to use rent money to make repairs that are needed.

2. Dates for eviction, when the landlord has been negligent, could be set well in the future, of no date at all set.

3. Cases could be dismissed when serious conditions existed.

4. A decision could be made for a landlord, but at a lower amount of money, the difference to be considered as damages to the tenant.

In the past month, the tenants' group has drawn up a nine - point program for rent striker and sent control which it hopes to have enacted in the legislature.

-Joe Howard

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jury." Mr. Orrick continued, "when it indicts, we know it. If it doesn't we never hear anything about it."

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HE ADMITTED, however, that as president of the bar, the Lodge must keep a file a report with him when the probe is continued.

"No, I have not received the report. I don't know when I will receive it. I don't know if and when the committee will complete the investigation," he replied to several questions.

When Leonard L. Kerpelman, an attorney and member of the Bar, attempted to have the association question the action of the bench during a meeting Wednesday night, Mr. Orrick ruled him out of order.

"I had no choice," the president told the AFRO. "The whole matter is secret and we have no authority to discuss it."

-Sex scenes

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-Curfew, welfare

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sial issue of a curfew law for youths has already met stiff opposition from citizens groups and some Council members.

At a hearing before the Council's Judiciary Committee Tuesday evening, representatives of Union for Jobs or Income Now (U-JOIN) and the Youth Council of the NAACP opposed the ordinance.

Charles E. Moyland Jr., state's attorney, has also expressed his opposition to the proposed law.

Mr. D'Alesandro's ordinance would make it unlawful for youths under 17 years of age of be on the streets between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. weekdays and between midnight and 6 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, unless with parents, guardians or on a legitimate mission.

Mr. D'Alesandro sees such a law as a deterrent to crime by youths.

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ALSO FACING the Council is an ordinance which would expand the city's law.

Councilman Henry G. Parks Jr. (4th D.) introduced the ordinance to spell out more clearly the law, by opening to all citizens all public liquor dispensing establishments.

The law now allows those places with 51 percent or more alcoholic beverage sale to discriminate.

Pending also before the Council is another open housing ordinance introduced by Councilman Walter T. Dixon (4th D.)

-Money plea

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income tax, the rate now would be $5.43.

It was a lengthy 28-page speech before the city lawmakers, in which the mayor asked for more state aid in several categories.

Principally, were those in the field of education, Police Department, a Greater Baltimore Wholesale Food Market and aid to special groups.

There was nothing in what the mayor said he had not said before.

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HOWEVER, THE assembly applauded respectively and Councilman Jacob J. Edelman (5th D.) asked that Councilmen and Assembly members be furnished with copies of the speech.

Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd, Council, president presided, and afterwards, presented Hyman A. Pressman, city comptroller, who complimented the mayor on his presentation and then read a poem in honor of the birthday of Bernard S. Werner, director of Public Works.

Among those in attendance were; Sen. Verda F. Welcome, Senator-elect Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd, Mrs. Lena K. Lee, Troy Bradley, Isaiah (Ike) Dixon, Murray Abramson and Harvey A. Epstein (all 4th District Assembly members);

Marvin Mandel, Speaker of the House; Joseph A. Chester and Floyd B. Adams, new 2nd District House members.

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