Remove lurid movie scenes after residents complain

By STERLING PAIGE

"I think it's terrible for such pictures to be out there for children to see.

"We are not satisfied with censoring the pictures. They shouldn't be out there — period.

"I told the manager if the pictures were not taken down," the PTA vice president went on, "a bunch of parents would come up there today (Thursday) and tear them down.

The angry voice was that of Mrs. Irene Yow, mother of eleven and vice president of the PTA of School 125, Dolphin St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

The PTA executive is one of scores of parents and citizens who protested a sexy 10 x 20 foot display outside the Royal Theatre, located in the 1300 block Pennsylvania Ave., within a block of the school.

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FOLLOWING THE protests and threats of demonstrations, the material was ordered removed by officials of the J - F Theatre chain owners of the Royal.

The movie, 'Suburbia Confidential,' was billed as an adult film, limited to 18-year - olds and over.

The outside billboard showed lurid scenes from the film, one of which showed two nude women making love.

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WHEN THE AFRO arrived at the theatre later Thursday, only gaping oven spaces remained on the display board.

William Johnson, manager of the Royal, told a news-

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Mate resents slapping; gets divorce decree

Charging that her husband, Clarence Pender, slapped her and tried to force her to give him money, Mrs. Alice Pender, mail clerk, of 1739 Eutaw Pl. divorced him, Friday.

Mrs. Pender also will resume her maiden name, Wilson. Married on August 21, 1961, Mrs. Pender testified that the marriage ended in August, 1964. A beating at that time forced her to leave, she said.

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THE ONE-DAY marriage of Mrs. Bertha Mae Adams of 3751 Reisterstown Rd. and John B. Adams of Belairs, Va., was legally ended in Circuit Court No. 2, Monday, when she obtained a divorce on grounds of voluntary separation.

The couple, married on June 4, 1959, separated on June 5, the same year.

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A DIVORCE went to Mrs. Mary Bumbery of 3601 Park Heights Ave. from Sherman Bumbery, now of Jessups, Md. on grounds of voluntary separation.

Mrs. Bumbery testified

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Censor Board approved showing of sex movie

The three-man Board of Motion Picture Censors, appointed by the Governor, is empowered to police movies shown in the state.

The controversial 'Suburbia Confidential' about which residents complained this week, was approved for showing on Nov. 28.

Similar movies which also brought protests, 'Alley Cats' and 'Notorious Daughter of Fanny Hill', were also okayed by the Board last year.

Egbert Quinn, Board chairman, was not available for comment at AFRO presstime.

The Board is empowered to disapprove films which are obscene or tend to debase or corrupt morals or incite to crime.

Other members are: Mrs. Rosalyn Scheter, vice chairman; and Miss Mary Avara, secretary.

Acting executive assistant is George Lee.

MISS AVARA told the AFRO that, based on the Supreme Court decision which ruled nudity is not obscene, the Board has had no choice.

She suggested that further discussion should come from the Board chairman.

Mr. Lee, the acting executive assistant, also referred the AFRO to the chairman, although he did indicate the court rulings had left the Board 'very much grounded'.

He said the Board does have control over the billboards displayed outside theatres, but there again, they are covered by the court's nudity ruling.

Joe Howard's case shrouded in secrecy

The fate of Joseph C. Howard, suspended assistant state's attorney, is still unknown.

His suspension was imposed Dec. 30 by a majority of the judges of the Supreme Bench.

The bench, headed by Chief Judge Dulany Foster, gave as its reason a pending investigation by the Grievance Committee of the Bar Association.

It is public knowledge, however, that the majority of the judges approved the suspension — or the failure to approve Mr. Howard's reappointment — in retaliation.

Several months ago Mr. Howard was quoted as criticizing the bench, the state's attorney's office, and the Police Department for using dual standards while handling cases involving colored and white victims.

While the judges took no action at the time, a defensive statement was issued on the part of the bench. It contended Mr. Howard's charges were unfounded.

THE BENCH avenged Mr. Howard's (transgressions) when Charles E. Moylan Jr. chief prosecutor submitted his list of assistants for reappointment to four - year terms.

Mr. Howard was the only one out of 22 incumbents and three recruits who failed to receive the bench's blessings.

The action has triggered widespread criticism and demands that Mr. Howard be reappointed.

While the bench said it was withholding approval pending the outcome of the Grievance Committee investigation, neither Mr. Howard nor the public knows the nature of the investigation.

Further, according to Norwood B. Orrick, bar president, it may never be disclosed. The proceedings, the bar head said, must be cloaked in secrecy.

"I don't know anything about them and I am not supposed to know," he said when asked the nature of the charges under investigation.

"Under the rules," he added, "the very fact that a lawyer is under investigation is supposed to be kept secret. Nobody is supposed to know anything about a case unless action is taken.

"It's just like the grand

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OPEN HOUSING received a day of consideration Wednesday at the Metropolitan Baltimore Conference on Equal Opportunity in Housing. Conversing in top panel are (from left) Reuben A. Clay, intergroup relations adviser for FHA; Larry Duncan, assistant commissioner for Washington Housing and Urban Development; Mrs. Mary Pinkard, of the same department and (standing) V. Lenard Underwood and Hezekiah Williamson, Baltimore realtors. In lower panel, speakers discussed "Integration and the Breakdown of Municipal Services." From left are Mrs. William H. Murphy, Community Action Commission; Mrs. Ruth Wolf Rosenthal, education director for CPHA and Lloyd McDonald, counselor at Harlem Park Junior High School and coordinator of Neighborhood School for Parents.

Housing confab may spur action

By ROGER J. NISSLY

Complaints were infrequently expressed on the static nature of "another" talk session on open housing, but when the Metropolitan Baltimore Coference on Equal Opportunity in Housing ended Wednesday the 600 participants had decided to keep the delegates together as an active force.

The consensus of committee reports during the day-long session also called for the conference to account to President Johnson to extend the executive order on housing to all areas found by Federal funds, according to William Boucher III, executive director of the Greater Baltimore Committee who summed up the workshops.

Mr. Boucher reported that the next open meeting of delegates to the conference has been scheduled for Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. in the Board Room of the Greater Baltimore Committee, or a larger meeting room if necessary.

Impatience with more talk and a great amount of persuasive talk, were the two orders of business at the conference, sponsored jointly by the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in Housing and Baltimore Neighborhoods Inc.

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KEYNOTE speaker Roger W. Wilkins, director of Community Relations Service for the U.S. Department of Justice, outlined the problem of the cities in a single sentence. "They are becoming much blacker and much poorer."

"It is true," he continued, "they are also smelly, and dirty, clogged with traffic, too crowded and are general-

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Legislators get mayor's money plea

By MAX JOHNSON

Major Theodore R. McKeldin gave Baltimore's General Assembly members a dinner Thursday evening and painted a gloomy picture of the city's financial needs for the coming fiscal year.

He told the gathering at the Emerson Hotel 'the city now needs up to $50,000,000.'

"We are also facing a related crisis in city services," the mayor stated.

"A deterioration or breakdown in services can have the most serious consequences.

"Baltimore City is threatened with such a deterioration in services."

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CURIOUSLY, Mayor McKeldin did not press for passage of legislation to extend the earnings tax beyond June 30 — an earlier declaration that brought a cold response from the law makers.

Instead, he pointed out that the tax would be estimated to yield $25,000,000 next year, if extended; and suggested this deficit might be met thusly:

"It may be met through some unrestricted grant of funds to support the general operating expenses of the city.

"It could be met through authority to impose some local broad-based tax, whatever the proposal, it will require careful scrutiny before action is taken on it."

The mayor let the earnings tax issue drop with that.

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HE REMINDED, however, that the property tax rate has jumped in 10 years from $3.13 to the current $4.73.

And added that without the

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U-JOIN ready with another rent protest

U-JOIN was scheduled to launch another offensive against Rent Court this morning, spokesman said, to emphasize that Rent Court has not changed.

"It is still the slumlords' partner in extorting hard-earned dollars," U-JOIN's Tenants for Justice in Housing said.

Picketing and the distribution of leaflets was set for the 11 a.m. opening of Rent Court.

After decisions denying judges' authority to hold rent in escrow, U-JOIN stated it would still work to help people plead their rights in Rent Court.

The demonstrations are aimed at gaining support for

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Mrs. Dixon's estate goes to brother

The $41,374.51 estate of Mrs. Irma George Dixon has been given to one of her two brothers, the Rev. Benjamin F. Thornton of Washington, an administration account filed in Orphans Court reveals.

Mrs. Dixon, at the time of her death on June 20, 1965,

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Curfew, welfare grant face reconvening Coun.

Baltimore's City Council the East-West Expressway, reconvenes Monday, ending the holiday recess period.

High on the list of priority ordinances for consideration are:

1. A curfew law for youths under 17, proposed by Council President Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd.

2. A $225,420 appropriation to the Department of Public Welfare, to aid 300 families in East Baltimore's anti-poverty area to better living conditions.

3. An increase in salaries for members of the Police Department.

4. Completion of routes for

THE HIGHLY controver-

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PSTA's 'budget session' could shut down schools

The Public School Teachers Association threat of boycott, if the School Board does not submit a "realistic" budget, has brought the resignation of 26 highly - placed school officials from the association and the decision of 12 more to stay within the group and try to fight the boycott.

PSTA made the first move last Thursday when it sent a letter to Eli Frank Jr., president of the School Board, stating that it had scheduled a budget study session for Friday, Jan. 30, before school opens.

Executive Secretary H. Orville Berwick told a morning press conference that the teachers could vote to continue the professional meeting through the day and schedule it again the school Monday if the budget was not considered adequate.

He pointed out that once the budget goes to City Council, "they can't add to it, only take away," and charged the School Board with being too "conservative" in its budget requests in the past.

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FRIDAY THE eight members of the schools' Board of Superintendents telegrammed the PSTA with their resignations for its "failure to put the interest of the children and youth in Baltimore City uppermost."

Tuesday a second group of 18, including Personnel Director Kenneth Horvath, Administrative Assistant William Pinderhughes, two directors, supervisors and specialists, telegrammed their resignations.

They cited the association's invoking the sanctions and "plans for withdrawing teachers' services."

The third telegram came Wednesday signed by 12 staff members who resolved to stay in the organization and called for a meeting of the membership before Jan. 20 for a discussion and vote on the budget study meeting.

Thursday Mr. Berwick said that the Jan. 20 date was "not called anything but a budget study meeting. We're just not sure of the time of adjournment."

He said that an answer was being sent to the 12 members who called for a discussion, but declined to comment on the letter's contents until after they had received it.

HE STATED that parents would be notified before 7:30 in the morning in the event of an extension of the teachers' meeting.

PSTA released a statement Wednesday emphasizing that it was willing to cooperate with the School Board in developing a realistic budget, which the teachers could support wholeheartedly.

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WARM WELCOME — Attorney General Francis B. Burch greets Frank A. DeCosta Jr., the first new assistant named by Mr. Burch since he took office as the state's chief legal officer two weeks ago.

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Clay's Draft Case Due Test In Court (STORY ON SPORTS PAGE)

Pills Victim's Mother Warns Teens

Intense — Relaxed — Proud — Profound — Defiant — Convincing

MAN OF MANY MOODS — These are the visual dimensions of Stokely Carmichael etched Tuesday during his day-long visit to Baltimore in which he captivated more than 3,000 listeners at appearances at Morgan and the Metropolitan Methodist Church. (STORY ON PAGE 22)

'Let this be a lesson to all of you'

By ROGER J. NISSLY

"Those pills are the enemy."

Cause of death — an apparent overdose of barbiturates."

"I feel sorry for a young man in the prime of life, who probably because he didn't know what he was doing, brought on the big Sleeper."

These three statements — by his mother, the doctor who pronounced him dead and the head of the Narcotics squad — sum up the fate of 15-year-old Anthony Brockington, 1800 block Kavanaugh St. who died at Lutheran Hospital Tuesday morning.

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THE STERN warning of the youth's flirtation with pills began Saturday night when he offered to babysit for his sister - in - law, who lives two doors away on Kavanaugh St.

His sister - in - law, Mrs. Dorothy Brockington, told police that when she returned 1 o'clock Sunday morning, the youth was asleep on a sofa and she decided not to wake him.

When he slept until two hours past the following noon and she could not rouse him, she called police.

Young Brockington was admitted to Lutheran Hospital about 2:45 p.m. on the critical list, where he stayed until death came at 9:05 Tuesday morning.

FROM HIS left pants pocket at the hospital, police said, they removed a cigarette package containing 168 tablets, later analyzed as phenabarbital, a barbiturate, sleeping pills.

Mrs. Victoria Brockington, the youth's mother, recalled that she had left her son at the house up the street Saturday night about 10:30, after visiting for several hours.

"Nothing seemed to be wrong with him. He seemed in good spirits. I had given him $3, and he was always in good spirits with money in his pocket," she said.

"I don't know where he could have gotten the pills, or who could have given them to him," she stated, recalling that once two years ago she had seen in her son the reactions attributed to pills.

On that occasion she learned that an older boy had given him "dumdums," but the symptoms never appeared again in the two years since.

"They really worked on him at the hospital. He just couldn't make it," she lamented.

MRS. BROCKINGTON said that she had just received a notice for her son, affectionately nicknamed "Eggie," to appear at the Maryland Training School, because of missing days at Francis M. Wood Junior High School.

In a month, he would have been 16 and able to leave school.

Mrs. Brockington wanted to say to "all young boys and girls" that 'whatever

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58 DAYS

Since Jerry Lee Parker ran, walked, or was carried away from the Maryland State Penitentiary.

Jerry Lee missed list

This is the 58th day of freedom for Jerry Lee—if he's in a position to enjoy freedom.

Many doubts have been, and are continuing to be voiced on that point.

At any rate Jerry Lee may have been premature. If he had been accused of the matter is he goofed. Last week penitentiary warden, Roger B. Copinger, Jr. told the AFRO he "was a cinch" to win a parole.

Paul C. Wolman, head of the Department of Parole and Probation, announced late Thursday that 137 inmates — from both the penitentiary and other penal institutions — have been granted paroles.

All were given hearings in November. Jerry Lee was scheduled to get one too, but as of Nov. 23 he was no longer in the "employment" of the penitentiary.

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SINCE JERRY LEE was a "cinch" to win his freedom legally, his unexpected and mysterious flight has posed several questions. Chief among these is:

Did he really escape?

Many, who claim to know, say "no." Others say he couldn't. Still others say he wouldn't have voluntarily.

Who is right?

That is the essence of the next episode in the search for Jerry Lee—G.W.C.

Officer Phillips off tactical unit

Patrolman Leroy A. Phillips, central figure in the recent Police Department "racial incident" hearing and investigation, has been transferred from the Tactical Squad to the Southeastern District, the department confirmed this week.

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau said the officer's reassignment was "discussed on other levels," and he gave his approval to the change.

Officer Phillips' move became effective Jan. 10, according to the personnel section of the department.

In a departmental hearing Jan. 4 and 5, he was found innocent of four specific charges brought against him.

He had been accused of using coarse and insolent language in effecting the arrest of one of two women in November, of being uncivil in shouting at two Sunpaper reporters who witnessed the arrest and of violating a general order that officers shall not use any epithet such as "n..r" toward any citizen.

The not-guilty decision by the five-man police panel was forwarded to his desk, approved and filed, closing the case, the commissioner said Tuesday.

He noted that he has power only to lessen the degree of punishment if any is meted out in such cases.

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LT. GEORGE Frederick, of the Southeastern District, said that Officer Phillips, like most of those assigned to the district, does his patroling by car.

Virtually all officers, he said, because of the district's shortage of men, are assigned to cars to enable them to cover more ground.

Officer Phillips once balked in Western District at having his picture made with a colored policeman when they were assigned to the same car.

At the department's annual meritorious conduct awards ceremony Jan. 7, the patrolman received a bronze star commendation and a complimentary letter for three separate cases.

The highest bronze star came for his investigation and arrest of four men in

—See Officer Phillips, Page 2

Teachers getting votes

The race is on. The horses have left the starting gate. The opening gun has been fired.

And the first nominating ballots in the AFRO's labulous "My Favorite Teacher Contest" have been printed, and are being carried on Page 2 of every edition.

All this is our way of telling you that the contest officially has begun — the third ballot is on Page 2 — and the race can easily be won by the teacher who piles up an early lead.

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AND STARTING Tuesday, a new twist in the contest will appear — one which is

—See Contest, Page 2

Senators concede misunderstanding

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — An early breakdown in communications between Baltimore's two 4th District senators, and a lack of clearcut understanding, has resulted in a ruffling of their feelings.

Misunderstanding between Senators Verda F. Welcome and Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd arose when who would get assignments on the Senate's Finance and Judicial Proceedings Committees.

Sen. Welcome now has the Finance Committee assignment, and Sen. Mitchell is on Judicial Proceedings.

Sen. Mitchell said Thursday he is "very happy" with the Judicial Proceedings Committee, but not so happy about how he got there.

It was his understanding at a December Senate caucus, he told the AFRO, that Sen. Welcome wanted to return to her former assignment on the Judicial Proceedings Committee, if Sen. Frederick C. Malkus (D. Somerset) was not renamed chairman.

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"I CONCEDED," he stated, "and said I would take Finance."

Sen. Malkus has since been replaced after 12 years in' the chairmanship, by Sen. J. Joseph Curran Jr. (D. 3rd D. Balto.)

Sen. Mitchell said he learned from Senate President William S. James (D. Harford) that Sen. Welcome wanted the Finance Committee.

"I thought this was unfair," he told the AFRO. "She could have come to me and said she had changed her mind.

"I think it's important that we work together. I'm interested in working with her. I hope our area will extend beyond Annapolis."

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SEN. WELCOME did not recall any such agreement at the December meeting, nor afterwards.

"The only time I discussed it with him," she said Thursday, "was at the Senate committee meeting.

"I said I wanted the Finance Committee then."

Sen. James said he knew of no disagreement over the assignments.

"Sen. Mitchell asked me about the Finance Committee," he told the AFRO. "I told him that Sen. Welcome

—See Senators, Page 2

McKeldin may take Mitchell

By MOSES J. NEWSON

Mayor McKeldin's reaction Thursday to a story saying Parren Mitchell will run with him this fall was to praise his anti-poverty director and point to a legal barrier that does not exist.

The Republican mayor was described as having been surprised by the story saying Mr. Mitchell, a Democrat, would be a candidate for the City Council presidency on his slate.

He issued this two-paragraph statement:

"I have not made up my mind that I am a candidate. I am very fond of Parren Mitchell. I have the highest regard for this man and he is doing an excellent job as director of the poverty program. I was happy to do everything I could to encourage him to come with the city in this capacity.

"I ran a Democrat (Hyman A. Pressman) for comptroller when I was elected this time, but the legislature changed the law so that we could not have a similar performance again."

MR. MITCHELL also expressed surprise at the story which stated a verbal agreement has been reached between him and Mayor McKeldin.

"My job is to run the anti-poverty program and at this moment that is my only concern," he told the AFRO.

According to officials of the Supervisors of Elections, what the legislature has done is to exclude a candidate's losing in one party's primary then joining another party's slate in the general.

The AFRO first seriously linked Mayor McKeldin and Mr. Mitchell as possible teammates in a Dec. 10 story that suggested this could be the liberal mayor's

—See Mayor may, Page 20

OEO gives poor a bigger voice

WASHINGTON (UPI) The Office of Economic Opportunity announced Tuesday revised guidelines for participation of the poor in community action programs.

An OEO spokesman said that one-third of the board members in a community action program must represent the poor under the new regulations.

In the past, "maximum feasible representation" was required. The revision is in line with amendments passed by Congress last year, the spokesman said.

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REPRESENTATIVES of the poor must be democratically elected according to the new guidelines but they do not have to be poor themselves, the OEO spokesman said.

If community action programs do not comply with the new guidelines by March 1, their federal funds could be cut off.

ROYALTIES TO PAY DEBT:

'Keep Faith, Baby' new Powell record

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D - N.Y., said Thursday he would use royalties from a new phonograph record — "Keep The Faith, Baby" — to pay off a long - standing $164,000 libel judgement.

His failure to pay has brought him into contempt of court in his home state of New York and constitutes a major reason why his colleagues in the House of Representatives have refused to seat him, pending an investigation of his behavior.

Powell was convicted in 1963 of defaming Mrs. Esther James when he called her a "Bag Woman," or graft collector for crooked police.

"Keep The Faith, Baby" is a collection of hard-hitting speeches and sermons. The Harlem -Democrat is also a minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church.

Powell's top assistant, C. Sumner Stone, predicted the record would sell a million copies in a month. Stone said that Powell would use the 22 cents he collects on each sale, plus royalties on a book of sermons to pay off the judgement.

Conyers on unit for Powell quiz

WASHINGTON

Rep. John Conyers, D.-Mich., who is starting his second term in Congress, was one of nine congressmen named Thursday to judge whether Adam Clayton Powell should be seated in the 90th Congress.

Conyers, 37-year-old lawyer and a member of the House Judiciary Committee, is one of the five Democrats named to the committee by Speaker John W. McCormack, D., Mass.

OTHER DEMOCRATS include Representatives James Corman, California; Claude Pepper, Florida; Andrew Jacobs Jr., Indiana and Emanuel Celler, New York, senior member of the House, who was named chairman.

Conyers, like his four white Democratic associates, voted to seat Powell in the House in last week's opening day action when Mr. Powell was barred from taking his seat.

House Republican leader Gerald Ford, Michigan, selected the four GOP mem-

—See Conyers, Page 8

Minister puts up bail after new indictments

Four additional indictments were handed down by the grand jury Thursday afternoon against the Rev. Stuart Turner, former correctional institutions specialist and assistant to Vernon L. Pepersack, commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

The new indictments include attempted extortion, attempted bribery, attempted false pretense and malfeasance in office.

According to Carl Martin, bail bond clerk of Criminal Court, the prosecuting witness is listed as Mrs. Magaline Jones, 3300 block Sum-

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New U.S. stamp to honor Douglass

WASHINGTON

The postmaster-general of the United States last week announced that a stamp honoring Frederick Douglass would be issued in the nation's capital on St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. It will be a 25 cent stamp.

Douglass was born a slave but he rose to be ambassador to France for the United States and was one of America's abolitionists who fought slavery.

Collectors may receive cancelled stamps from the Postmaster, Washington, D.C. if they write and send money to him before Feb. 14.

Pendleton extortion defendant is guilty

David Lee Woods, 2900 block Wynham Rd., was found guilty Thursday by a Criminal Court jury of extortion of nearly $2,000 from Dr. George H. Pendleton, a 65-year-old physician.

The panel of two women and 10 men took only 30 minutes to hand down the verdict against the 32-year-old painter.

Judge J. Harold Grady who presided at the three-day trial deferred sentence until a later date.

Mr. Woods faces a maximum of 10 years imprisonment on each of six charges of extortion making his possible sentence a total of 60 years.

Records before the court showed Mr. Woods using the name of "Donald Cook" obtained sums as high as $800 from Dr. Pendleton over a period of four months by

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Haile Selassie coming to U.S.

WASHINGTON

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia will visit President Johnson for two days of talks Feb. 14 - 15, the White House announced today.

The White House said the meetings would reaffirm the friendship between the United States and Ethiopia and of the interest of this country in African development.

It also said that the informal meetings would reaffirm the friendship between Johnson and this "world statesman" dating back to Haile Selassie's first visit to the United States in 1954.

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