Guitarist killed organist in Avenue Club jam session

Theodore (Fishmouth) Ware, 37-year-old guitarist of the 600 block Pennsylvania Ave., has been found guilty of second degree murder in the Feb. 21, 1966 stabbing of another musician at the Millionaire's Club on the Avenue.

He faces up to 18 years imprisonment.

Judge Charles D. Harris delayed sentence following the Criminal Court trial Wednesday to await an appeal or request for a new trial by Harry Cole, Ware's attorney.

Fishmouth was accused of cutting Isaac Perry, 25, 3900 block W. Mulberry St., a 6-foot, 164 - pound organist shortly after 1 p.m. as the orchestra took a break in the lounge of the club at 1029 Pennsylvania Ave.

The tragedy occurred inside the club where orchestra men from all over town were gathered at a jam-session.

Perry, a well-known organist, was carried from the club by friends after he was cut. At 1:55 a.m. he was pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital. He sustained multiple wounds of the chest and left arm.

Many of the scores of persons on the scene of the occurrence nearly a year ago crowded the courtroom to capacity for the Wednesday trial.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE the court revealed the two orchestra men, known as friends, entered an altercation after an argument over a coat.

According to O'Donnell Levy, 21, 1600 block Balmor Ct., a saxophone player, he and Perry were seated at a table with two young women, Miss Alethia Burrell, 900 block W. Saratoga St., and Miss Margaret Jeeter, 600 block George St., when "Butch" Harrington, the drummer, and Fishmouth disagreed on who owned a coat nearby.

He stated Perry entered the argument and remained peeved although Harrington later agreed the garment was not his, apologized and left.

He told the court actually the guitarist and the organist "were always in an argument."

In fact, he stated he and others discussed while at the table how "childish" it was.

At first Perry grabbed a beer bottle and Fishmouth pulled out his knife, the witness stated, but folded it up shortly afterward.

At the height of the fight that soon started up again, the two women tussled, the sax player said, and, while he was separating them, he heard Perry, the organist, yelling, "Get the knife."

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CONTINUING, LEVY told the court he turned and saw the organist (Perry) in the corner bleeding from the shoulder.

When Fishmouth took the stand he contended he was trying to protect himself by negotiations earlier this week between the board and officials of the 6,000 - member Public School Teachers Association.

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Teachers stymied by Board move

By ROGER J. NISSLY

The preliminary skirmish over the school budget — which included a scheduled mass meeting and threatened boycott by teachers Friday was ended yesterday with a swift vote by the School Board approving public hearings before the final budget is submitted.

The stalemate for all practical purposes was settled by negotiations earlier this week between the board and officials of the 6,000 - member Public School Teachers Association.

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'Target City' service station to hold grand opening Jan. 26-28

The Target City Youth Program will hold the grand opening of its service station Ashland Ave. and Gay St., in the heart of the East Baltimore ghetto, on Jan 26, 27, and 28, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The service station is used primarily to train unemployed dropout youths as service station managers and dealers. All friends are invited to patronize the station.

The program is sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality and federally funded by the United States Department of Labor.

There are 24 youths presently enrolled in the program. Each youth works 16 hours a week in the service station and spends 16 hours a week in classroom instruction.

In the service station the youths are presently being taught basic selling techniques, proper servicing of cars and minor mechanical repairs.

THE TEAM leaders who manage the station operation are: Roy Moody, Danny Gant and Frank Samuels. Team Leaders and Project Coordinator, Milton Holmes attended the Humble Retail School on Service Station Management.

In the classroom, the skills orientation curriculum is concentrating on remedial skills and subjects pertinent to improving academic achievement, self-image and race pride. Films and books are used to teach the colored man's contribution to the shaping and building of America.

The curriculum is also designed to provide dynamics for leadership development and social and civic responsibility. The instructors are Francis Pullen and Franklin Tilghman.

Frank Boone who is the program developer, has enrolled the youths in a driver education program. Also the Chick Webb Center has been secured for recreation.

Mr. Boone is now seeking part-time jobs for the trainees at other service stations. They may work up to 16 hours per week at other stations. This will provide the youths with extra income, additional work experience, and the project will receive feedback and useful information on the successes and problems of the trainees.

The enrollees are receiving an allowance according to the criteria established in the Manpower Development Training Act.

Mayor names Dr. Fleming to new post

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin has broke another precedent and integrated the city's Personnel Policy and Salary Advisory Committee.

He named to this committee Dr. G. James Fleming, Morgan State College professor. The post is unsalaried.

This committee has the job of advising the Board of Estimates on municipal salaries, and its recommendations are usually followed.

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DR. FLEMING will represent the city's Civil Service Commission on this committee.

A few months ago in another top level integration move of an agency, the mayor named Dr. Fleming to the Civil Service Commission, also an unsalaried post.

Along with the Fleming appointment, Mayor McKeldin also named Henry Koellin Jr., business manager of Local 68, American Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union, to the same committee, as its first labor member.

ADA speaker proves fair housing works

A developer who has invested millions of dollars in integrated housing will be Roosevelt Day Dinner speaker for Baltimore Chapter, Americans For Democratic Action.

The dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Charles Room, Sheraton Belvedere Hotel.

The speaker, Morris Milgram, is president of Planned Communities, Inc. and Modern Community Developers, Inc.

The companies now are active in eight states showing by deed as well as word that integrated housing not only works but can be good business.

Back wages due 52 paint workers

U. S. Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz has obtained a judgment in the U.S. District Court here against Landergren Painting and Decorating Company Inc. and Henry Landergren Sr. and Anna Landergren, individually, doing business at 5007 Arbutus Ave.

The defendants have agreed to pay back wages of $7,000 to 52 employees and consented to the judgment.

Announce Appointment

Harry L. Lippincott, executive director of the United Appeal, has announced the appointment of Betty Jane Bupp to the Radio-TV section of the United Appeal Public Relations Department.

15 years for mother in pillow-case death

Mrs. Cecelia Evans, the 21-year-old mother who admits she sewed the body of her dead infant child in a pillow in November, 1965, still insists, "I didn't kill my daughter."

On Tuesday, after Judge James A. Perrott sentenced her to 15 years in the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women for second degree murder, her attorneys were instructed to file an appeal.

The court appointed attorneys Sol J. Friedman and Stanley Cohen, who stated they will immediately take the case before the higher court.

According to Mr. Cohen, the bizarre case Judge Perrott termed "the most shocking of all crimes," will hardly be heard before

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Maddox guilty in murder of family friend

Harold ("Champ") Sanford Maddox, 30, 300 block E. Lanvale St., was found guilty of second degree murder by Judge James A. Perrot in Criminal Court Monday and will be sentenced next week.

The man Mr. Maddox was accused of killing was Benjamin Bryant, 43, found in a pool of blood on the street in the 1300 block N. Lakewood Ave. Nov. 13, 1965.

The incident that attracted the attention of hundreds of residents of the community occurred at 2 a.m. The accused slayer and the dead man were known to have been close friends.

Mr. Bryant was pro-

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ARMY AWARD — Robert A. Smith, left, 3928 Tioga Parkway, receives an outstanding performance rating and quality increase certificate from Baltimore Sub - Sector Commander Col. Isaac Hoppenstein of the XXI Corps at the Turner U.S. Army Reserve Center.

Daniels leaves CRC; chides city's hiring

The departure of Samuel T. Daniels, Wednesday as director of the Community Relations Commission renewed a running battle between Thomas Murphy, City Personnel Director, and some segments of the population.

In his final appearance before CRC commissioners, Mr. Daniels urged the city to set an example for industry by adopting and adhering to a fair hiring policy.

For several months, community and civil rights groups have directed their fire on Mr. Murphy whom they contend is responsible for dual standards in city employment

In a heated reaction to the accusations, recently Mr. Murphy said his critics were "engaging in a lot of loose talk."

The director defended the examinations and charged that civil rights organizations' refusal to agree to listing salaries on the face makes it difficult to determine who is failing the tests or why.

Mr. Daniels told CRC commissioners cooperation is needed and he didn't want to prolong what is thought to be his running battle with the director.

He warned, however that unless the image of Municipal hiring is improved, the city will not be able to set an example for industry.

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While Mr. Daniels, for all practical purpose, will not be confronting Mr. Murphy in his new post of associate di-

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Survey shows more gains in federal jobs

The U.S. Civil Service Commission has released the results of a study of June, 1966 full time Federal employment which includes data on Maryland and the Baltimore metropolitan area Federal employment of colored persons.

The study shows gains (over a similar study by the Commission in June, 1965) in several employment categories.

According to the Commission's representative in Baltimore, Dean Bollman, the 1966 study shows total Federal employment in Maryland was 94,103 of which 19,128 or 20.3 percent were colored, compared to 1965 figures of 91,073 total and 17,860 or 19.6 percent colored.

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MR. BOLLMAN states that substantial shifts in the levels of jobs colored persons hold in Maryland are noted, with significant increases in the numbers in higher paying jobs in nearly every Federal installation in the state.

In the Baltimore area, where Bollman says Federal employment is running at about 31,000, about the same as for the last two years, a gain of over 500 jobs to 8,500 total colored employment is noted.

Colored Federal employees made up 17.6 percent of all Federal employees in the metropolitan area in 1965 but

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Woman, 77, gets divorce

Carl Davis of 2757 Winchester St. won a divorce from Mrs. Mary Frances Davis and custody of their five-year-old son, here Monday.

Mr. Davis charged his wife, now in Deerfield, Fla., with desertion.

He said that she went to Florida to visit her family on a vacation. After returning here, she wanted to go back to Florida, he said. When he objected, her mother sent her money for fare back the husband said.

Mr. Davis said that when Mrs. Davis made the return trip to Florida, she took their son with her. She later asked him to come and get the child, which he did, the husband said.

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SEVENTY - SEVEN year old Mrs. Josephine Cole of 2403 Ashland Ave., divorced Samuel Cole, to whom she was married 44 years ago, but lived with him only five years.

The divorce was granted in Circuit Court No. 2, Friday.

Mrs. Cole said that soon after her husband deserted her, he was arrested and sentenced in York, Pa., for

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Moylan says he did all he could when he sent judges Howard's name

The Lawyers Wives organization, other groups and citizens continue to attack the Supreme Bench and State's Atty. Charles E. Moylan this week for the suspension of Asst. State's Atty. Joseph C. Howard.

Mr. Howard, head of the State's Attorney's Trial Division late last year alleged there exists a double standard in dealing with rape cases here.

On Wednesday Mr. Moylan told the AFRO he submitted his request for Mr. Howard to be re-appointed and also handed the bench a recommendation.

"That is the only action I can take," Mr. Moylan stated, inserting he has nothing to do with actions of the bench or the bar association in which he hands the decision now rests.

He said, "In the beginning, I told the bench I wanted Mr. Howard reappointed. That was as far as I could go."

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ALSO CHASTIZING the Supreme Bench and asking the restoral of Mr. Howard to full duty immediately" was former Municipal Judge Linwood G. Koger Sr., president on several occasions of the Monumental City Bar Association.

Judge Koger said in a letter dated Jan. 13, "I was shocked the Supreme Bench lent its dignity to the removal of Mr. Howard, in both the left-handed manner in which it was done and for the announced reason."

He also stated Mr. Howard was entitled to express an opinion from observed facts and was entitled to have the bench assess the interpretation before removal.

Declaring, "His case appears prejudiced," Judge Koger also pointed out the Supreme Bench itself has gone so far as to criticize the U. S. Supreme Court.

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THE OMEGA Psi Phi Fraternity, Pi Omega Chapter's letter also urged re-appointment of Mr. Howard.

Addressed to Chief Judge Dulaney Foster and signed by James E. Grant, basileus, the fraternity stated not seating Mr. Howard seemed to be a clear-cut case of preventing the exercise if constitutional rights.

The message ends with the conclusion the Supreme Bench shirks its responsibility when it allows its decisions to be based on the action of the Grievance Committee of the Bar Association.

THE OTHER action the Lawyers Wives took against conditions at the Court House included a letter to the Supreme Bench to obtain appointment of a colored citizen to a newly created post under its control.

The job the women say they want is that of the General Equity Master, created in November and as yet vacant.

The letter was also addressed to Chief Judge Foster.

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AMONG OTHER letters going out on the Lawyers Wives stationary and signed by Mrs. Catherine T. Howard president, was one to Sheriff Frank Pelz protesting lack of colored deputies.

Pointing out he had not remedied a deplorable situation they exposed to the public last April, eight months ago, they asked Mr. Pelz to see that the ratio of workers on basis of race is balanced in his office.

New low rent housing seen

The way has been cleared for what city officials hope will prompt a general building of new low rent housing here.

The City Council gave final passage Monday evening to an ordinance which will allow the city to apply for a $67,500 from the Housing Assistance administration for planning in this respect.

The program advances a new idea in these parts for the erection of low rent housing.

Under its provisions, private developers would erect such housing in various sections of the cits in accordance to approved specifications.

The city would then purchas such properties under jurisdiction of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

This proposal is seen a quicker way to such housing, than the one now used by BURHA in its red-tape process of building low rent homes.

Location of each low rent housing project will require City Council approval.

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Family Caught In Hail Of Bullets

'I Was Yelling, Don't Shoot In Car, My Family's In There'

JAMES PERRY, driver of car, and wife, Mrs. Mary Lou Perry, escaped without harm.

KENNETH MARSHALL, 13 Got Bullet In Arm

Lottery slip came in on wind—Avery

According to Henry Edward Avery, manager of a coin laundry in the 600 block N. Aisquith St., the lottery slip police found in his pocket during a July raid was blown in the door of the establishment by a passing breeze.

The ill wind blew Mr. Avery no good.

On Wednesday when he appeared before Judge J. Harold Grady in Criminal Court, he received a two-year sentence in the Maryland House of Correction on charges of lottery possession.

According to testimony a "thriving" business was done in the large 31-machine laundry.

Howard Merker, Mr. Avery's attorney, asked that Mr. Avery's age be considered and the two-year sentence be suspended.

The laundry owner and Mr. Avery's employer 10 years, Henry O'Shansky, 1800 block Eutaw Pl., said the man who lives alone above the laundry is a dedicated, capable manager and maintenance person.

Never misplacing a penny of money entrusted to him, he works from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight every day to keep from seeking welfare aid, Mr. O'Shansky testified.

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JUDGE GRADY however noted two things before imposing the term: (1) Although he defendant intended to place the wind-blown slip in the waste can, he DID have it in his pocket.

(2) With two prior convictions on his record, the defendant is a three-time loser.

Assistant States Attorney John Henry Lewyn also pointed out on prior convictions Mr. Avery had paid "handsome" fines, $1,000 on each occasion in 1963 and 1964.

The raid on the self-service laundry came July 14 after rackets squad plainclothesmen had observed a period of several days.

Officer Leroy Thomas said he saw "customers" who never took in laundry or brought it out exchanging money and in conversation with Mr. Avery while he was "writing."

He told the court of the many persons coming and going in the laundrymat, none that seemed to have "business" with Mr. Avery was carrying clothes to be washed.

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MR. AVERY denied he was writing numbers and said, as his employer confirmed, when machines break down, he writes the information down in a book and refunds the money so customers can use another washer.

Wind blowing trash in the front street keeps him busy picking up each day, he stated.

Asked did he serve a 30-day sentence on the previous conviction, Mr. Avery told the court he was confined only five nights.

Policeman shot, gunman cut down

By ROGER J. NISSLY

"I was standing about three or four feet from the car yelling to the police. 'Don't shoot in the car because my family is in there.'"

And then the rain of bullets began.

Miraculously the only person cut down seconds later by police fire was the object of their attack—a 27-year-old man who had just critically wounded a patrolman in the Guilford Ave. and 21st St. area.

James Perry, 900 block Bonaparte Ave., driver of the car in which the gunman took refuge, was describing in the AFRO quote the wild shooting melee which took place Wednesday night shortly after 8:30.

He believes that fear and concern for the other people in the car kept him rooted to the spot during most of the shooting.

"It doesn't seem real," he said. "I look at the car, all shot up, and I can't believe we all escaped."

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THE ONE who did not escape, the patrolman's assailant, has been positively identified by police as Donald Leo Sabitus, "W/M/27" (official jargon for white, male, 27 years) of the 2600 block N. Calvert St.

He was felled by a barrage of bullets as he tried to leave the late model sedan which the family had just abandoned.

Wounded by the gunman, Officer Frederick K. Kontner, 27, lies in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Union Memorial Hospital after undergoing surgery for wounds of the abdomen, chest and left arm.

The only other casualty of the affair was Kenneth Marshall, 13, Mr. Perry's employee, of the 900 block Bonaparte Ave.

He suffered a minor wound in the arm and was treated at Maryland General Hospital and released.

The gunman was dead on arrival at the same hospital at 9:15 p.m.

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MR. PERRY recalled that he had parked his car—in the three adults and six children—on 23rd St., between Guilford and Huster St., where his sister lives.

Thedrick T. Tapp, 19, of the 2000 block E. North Ave., who was the object of much of the gun waving by the thug as he jumped in the car, took up the story from there.

"Most of us had gotten out of the car," Mr. Tapp related. "I heard gunshots and jumped back in the car on the floor and told everybody to duck their heads.

"Then this man ran across the street to the car on my side (the right front seat). He yelled, 'Get up. Get in the seat. Move over.'

"He had laid the gun across my chest, pointing it at Mrs. Mary Perry.

"Then he poked the gun in my neck, yelling, 'Drive. Drive, now.'

"He kept punching me in the neck with the barrel of the gun.

"I was ready to do anything he said.

He moved the gun to right behind Perry's head, re-

—See Policeman, Page 28

THEDRICK TAPP Shows where gunman pressed gun against him.

A search ends; 'Jerry Lee' is still 'missing'

(Editor's Note: This is the last of a two - part series recounting the AFRO's visits to the hometown of Louis Henry Warren, alias "Jerry Lee Parker," who fled from the Maryland Penitentiary 65 days ago.)

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

SALEMBURG, N.C. —Following an abbreviated and restless night in Fayetteville, you return to Salemburg midday Sunday.

Your restlessness can be attributed to two facts.

First Jonas Warren, father of Jerry Lee, had promised you Saturday night he would "tell you what you want to know" come Sunday.

Secondly, you were in no mood for sleeping after finally locating a vacancy.

Perhaps it's an exaggeration, but for a moment you thought you knew how Mary and Joseph felt on THAT NIGHT when every place you inquired brought the inevitable reply: "no vacancy."

Still under the compelling admonition of Stokely Carmichael to "support our businessmen," your natural inclination was to seek shelter

—See Jerry Lee, Page 31

Powell Bimini pow-wow set

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Adam Clayton Powell, who usually spends his vacations on Bimini dodging reporters, announced Wednesday he would hold a news conference Saturday on the island in the Bahamas.

A Powell spokesman said the Harlem Democrat —

—See Powell Bimini, Page 2

AFRO's Moss will be there

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss, vice president-treasurer of the AFRO-AMERICAN and writer of the twice weekly column, "If You Ask Me," is among writers attending Congressman Powell's Bimini Conference scheduled for Saturday morning.

Judge says he's not angry as welfare clients seek counsel

(See earlier story in this edition.)

During seven welfare fraud cases to come before Judge Joseph G. Finnerty in Northeastern Municipal Court Thursday morning, the judge commented on the fact that "now 100 percent" of the accused "ask for counsel."

Of the cases, one was sent to the grand jury, one was tried, two wished their own counsel and three asked for court - appointed counsel.

The turn of events began Tuesday when most of the recipients charged asked for lawyers.

The judge later noted that in the general run of Municipal Court cases "less than one - half of one percent ask for counsel," and in these cases, "now 100 percent ask for counsel."

In the previous three weeks of hearings, a total of two people had asked for counsel.

He said he was not angry when he made the statements in court, but noted the court-appointed lawyers have to come from a list of Bar Association attorneys who volunteer their services free for indigent cases.

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IN TURN, the Rescuers from Poverty, headed by Mrs. Margaret McCarty, issued a statement questioning "whether he should be transferred to another court" for his "undignified outburst directed at the poor."

The Rescuers said it was "strange" that the judge was "surprised to learn that poor people also live under the Constitution and wish its protection."

The Rescuers said they would not be intimidated and would continue to advise people of their "right to an attorney."

Mrs. Barbara Stevenson, vice - president, said the group would still work to obtain counsel in welfare cases for people who contacted U-JOIN at 276-3096 or 889-2377.

Teachers get more votes

A total of 132,600 votes has been tallied in the AFRO's Favorite Teacher Contest.

Students from 65 schools are now in the race by the hundreds to nominate their teachers for the Grand Prizes, spring vacations in Puerto Rico.

However, even if just about every kid you know is working hard to get his votes in, it's not too late for anyone to start. You can do it, this week-end.

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—See Contest, Page 2

Exclusive on N. Viet trip

CHICAGO (NPI) — "I do not intend to have the white press interpret to black people what I have to say," Mrs. Diane Bevel told an all-colored news conference Monday.

The wife of the Rev. James Bevel, a top SCLC official, she recently returned from an 11 - day tour of North Vietnam.

"The white press has assumed far too much power in black affairs," she said. "It has too long been an instrument serving to pit one black leader against another and destroy our unity.

The majority press, Mrs. Bevel said, has often pursued "lines of emphasis" which sold newspapers but conflicted with the best interests of black people.

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"WHEN I have something to say, specially to white people I shall talk to the white press.

"I suggest that whites interested in what blacks are doing and thinking invest 10 or 20 cents in a black publication," Mrs. Bevel said.

The wife of Dr. Martin Luther King's aide faces loss of her passport for traveling to a "forbidden country." She said she will go to court, if necessary, to defend her right to travel.

At work in Vietnam, she

—See Exclusive, Page 2

Powell's 'faith' disc in record shops here

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell's long-playing album, "Keep The Faith, Baby," hit the stands Thursday with the area distributor unable to fill orders for it.

The congressman - minister's "Message to the World" record includes six sermons and discussions in which the Rev. Mr. Powell is joined by his congregation.

Side No. 1 carries the title piece, "Keep the Faith, Baby;" "My Dear Colleagues," and "Handwriting on the Wall."

Side No. 2 has "Burn, Baby, Burn," "Death of Any Man," and "One Day."

At 10 minutes and 14 seconds, "Burn, Baby, Burn," is by far the longest piece in the album.

In a double-jacket blue package, Powell's venture into the recording field includes singing by his congregation as well as preaching and discussions.

The inside cover lists the major bills which became law while Congressman Powell headed the Committee on Education and Labor which was taken away from him Jan. 10 when he also failed to be seated pending an investigation of his conduct.

It includes letters of praise from President Johnson and House Speaker John McCormack.

His aide Charles (Chuck) Stone, in a statement on the back of the album jacket, rates Powell as "great."

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IN BALTIMORE the record is distributed by Mar-

—See Record out, Page 31

Arson is hinted in college blaze

ROCK HILL, S.C. (UPI)—Police this week are investigating the possibility of arson in an early-morning fire Wednesday that destroyed a two-story brick classroom building at Friendship College here.

J. H. Goudlock, president of the junior college, said Wednesday the damage in the blaze would likely reach $200,000 and said it was one of a "series" of fires on the campus.

He said there was evidence that several small fires had been set in another building in the office of Dean F. R. Giles.

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SOME PAPERS and a chair had been burned and there was an attempt to burn some files, Goudlock said.

Assistant Fire Chief C. A. Howell said the cause of the fire was not known. There were no injuries in the blaze.

National leader brought into Meyerhoff protests

A national Jewish leader has been called upon to denounce the practice of National Jewish Organizations to bestow honors on such men as Joseph Meyerhoff.

Aaron Goldman, president of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, in New York, received the plea from Baltimore civil rights leaders.

This new move against Mr. Meyerhoff was made by Eugene King, president of the Baltimore County League for Human Rights; James Griffin, chairman, Baltimore CORE, and Cleveland Chandler, chairman ACTIVISTS for Fair Housing.

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DEMONSTRATIONS currently are being held whenever the Baltimore Symphony appears because Mr. Meyerhoff is its president and the trio says it has been unable to get him to integrate his considerable housing enterprises.

In the statement to Mr. Goldman, Mr. Meyerhoff is listed as the most influential builder in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area.

"His housing policy perpetuates the increasing urban blight in Baltimore City as he chooses housing opportunities for the colored population," the statement said.

It added:

"We know the NCRAC advocates a strong anti - discrimination policy, and therefore, we await your assurance that you are taking immediate action to provide better guidelines for your constituent organizations so that the man who is honored nationally as a civic leader is deserving of that honor in the eyes of all his fellowmen."

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