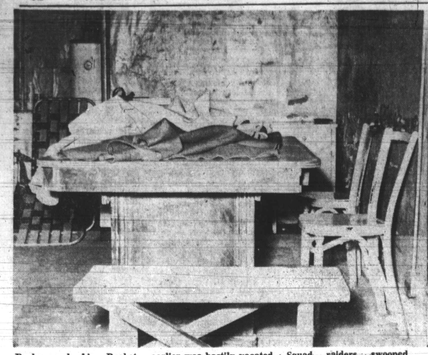

Burke and his Racket WORK—This room containing table on which 'skin' game flourished minutes earlier was hastily vacated Tuesday when Western District's Sgt. William Burke and His Racket Squad raiders swooped down on house in the 1000 block W. Lanvale St.

CALMING NERVES—Two of the 12 suspects bagged when raiders interrupted a 'skin' game Tuesday puff cigarettes as Sgt. Burke escorts them and fellow players to waiting paddy wagon.

FREE-RIDE — A reluctant 'skin' player climbs into paddy wagon for 'free ride' to Western District where he and 11 of his colleagues were fined 10 and costs.

Smith, state poverty chief takes oath for $18,500 post

"Do you, S. Edward Smith, swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States:

"Be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and support the Constitution and laws thereof:

"You will, to the best of your skill and judgement, diligently and faithfully — without partiality or prejudice — execute the office of Director of the Economic Opportunity Commission according to the Constitution and laws of this state?"

"I do."

With the above oath, administered by Clerk of Superior Court James F. Carney, and the reply below, S. Edward Smith became chief of Maryland's Office of Economic Opportunity; the commanding officer of the State's War on Poverty.

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THE SWEARING - IN ceremonies took place at one p.m. Wednesday in Room 455 of the Court House.

Mr. Smith, former deputy director, has been with the agency since April, 1965.

His elevation to the top position was announced two weeks ago by the now former Gov. J. Millard Tawes.

He becomes the second colored director of a state poverty program in the nation.

William B. Ford, of Michigan, is the other.

The $18,500 post was formerly held by J. Donn Aiken, now returned to his position as director of the Maryland Department of Employment Security.

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WITNESSING THE formal induction of Smith into his new job was his wife, Mrs. Ida Smith, and daughter Vashti.

Others were: Judge George L. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matthews (he, of WBAL - TV), John Wood, Maj. William Harris, Boxe Harris and Robert Miller, newly-appointed deputy director of the State OEO.

Mr. Smith, 51, lives at 2044 Ruxton Ave.

Father of 3 takes test, learns he has two wives

Testifying that he was married to Mrs. Margaret Hardy Phillips when he married the former Miss Delores Jones, Richard W. Phillips obtained an annulment of the latter marriage Friday.

Mr. Phillips who gave his address at 1414 John St. said that his first wife filed suit for divorce on May 18, 1956 and he was under the impression that the decree had been passed.

On Sept. 21, 1957, he said, he and Miss Jones were married.

Mr. Phillips said that he learned of his marital status when he took a Civil Service examination and an examination of his record showed the dual marriage.

During the latter marriage three children were born. The father is under court order to pay $18 per week for their support. He is currently $500 in arrears.

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TWO WIVES, who charged their husbands with threatening their lives were given their freedom the past week.

Mrs. Dorothy McDaniels of 2337 Carver Rd., testified that Morris E. McDaniel told her, he would kill her if she went to sleep, and that for two nights he kept a knife with him.

She said that she obtained a warrant for his arrest, but when he was given a suspended sentence, she left in fear.

The couple was married in 1952 and are parents of four children ranging in age from two to eight years old.

All are in custody of the mother, and Mr. McDaniels is charged generally with their support.

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MRS. GERALDINE PARHAM of 2014 E. North Ave., said that her husband, Robert Lee Parham, kept a loaded pistol under his pillow, with which he threatened her.

She said their disagreement grew out of wanting to see her daughter by a former marriage.

Mr. Parham, she said, had agreed for the daughter to stay with them, prior to the marriage.

After the marriage, she said, he treated her so harshly that she had to leave their home and live with an older sister. It was when she wanted to visit her, said the mother, that Mr. Parham drew a pistol on her.

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THREE MARRIAGES were ended by voluntary separation, last week.

Mrs. Sallye Justis of 2808 Presstman St., a city school teacher, testified that she and Harvey Lee Justis of 1720 N. Broadway, agreed to end their marriage.

Mr. Justis, an assembly-man for General Motors, and the former Miss Ballard, were married in 1948 and lived together until 1952.

Their one child, a son, was placed in her custody.

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MRS. JACQUELINE A. RUSSELL of 2718 Garrison Ave. testified that she and Vincent Russell decided they couldn't get along together, and "called it quits."

Their marriage lasted from Nov. 21, 1962 to Dec. 16, 1963.

According to testimony it took Mrs. Winifred Turner of 518 N. Stricker St. and Russell Turner only two months to come to a decision that their marriage would not work.

Married on June 6, 1959 they parted on August 15, the same year, she said.

File now for summer jobs

Rep. Clarence D. Long (D., Md.) said today that applications for summer employment with the Federal Government must be filed early next month

People wanting summer work with the Post Office Department must have applications in by Feb. 9. Students seeking summer jobs as clerical assistants with other agencies must apply by Feb. 6.

The Post Office jobs pay $2.44 an hour. Clerical aids may earn between $69 and $82 a week.

Rep. Long said those wishing to apply may obtain their required forms from his Towson office.

'Crime lights' to get big test

The streets and alleys in a 35 - block inner - city area will be equipped with high intensity mercury vapor lights, Mayor McKeldin announced Wednesday.

The brighter lights came in response to residents' requests for better illumination in the area to help cut down a high crime rate.

Vociferous in their urgings to the mayor had been the Neighborhood Action Group, residents of the Druid Lake area.

The area to receive the lights is bounded by North Ave., Druid Park Dr., Madison Ave. and the Jones Falls Expressway.

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CRC to check contractors on city jobs

The Baltimore Community Relations Commission at request of Mayor McKeldin, has begun a survey of construction companies under contract to the City in order to determine the degree of compliance to anti-discrimination provisions written into their contracts.

As an initial step, questionnaires were sent to some 40 contractors on Jan. 20, requesting information about the racial composition of the work force, the sources used in recruiting labor, whether the contractor has specified that all jobs are available without regard to race, creed, or color.

At the same time, the staff of Baltimore Community Relations Commission will hold meetings with all city agencies involved in construction contracts to review provisions of the anti - discrimination clauses and the responsibility of those agencies to affirm and insist on compliance to those provisions.

Finally staff members will make "on - site" surveys to determine first hand the make-up of the work force and note whether there is a display of notices prohibiting discrimination.

A spokesman for the Commission said the results of the survey would be submitted to the mayor by March 15.

No word yet on case of Joe Howard

How Joseph C. Howard of the State's Attorney's office is faring since his suspension late in December still remains a mystery.

On Thursday State's Attorney Charles E. Moylan told the AFRO he has heard nothing to report at this time. He stated, "Frankly, I've heard nothing and can make no statement."

Mr. Moylan recommended Mr. Howard remain on his staff.

Mr. Howard who served as chief of the Trials Division was left without salary and a post when the Supreme Bench failed to re-appoint him 30 days ago.

Although no written or official notice is available to the press, the word is that Mr. Howard's re - appointment was held up because of statements he is alleged to have made public from a study on "Capital Punish-

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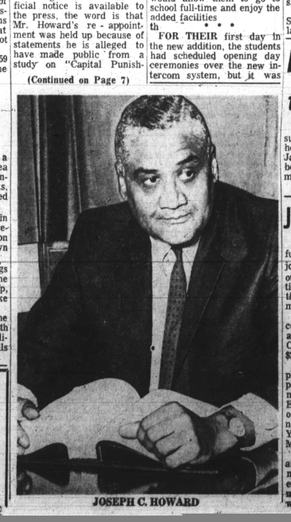

JOSEPH C. HOWARD

Welfare fraud defendants start asking for lawyers

By ROGER J. NISSLY

The quickly-grinding Municipal Court machinery on welfare fraud cases was slowed Tuesday morning when all but one of seven accused persons requested a lawyer.

In the three-week history of concerted prosecutions—in which about 20 cases a week were tried—few of the clients exercised their right to be represented by counsel.

Most of the cases of alleged fraud involving under $500 being tried in Northeastern Municipal Court

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MAYOR McKELDIN SHAKES HANDS AT OPENING OF SCHOOL 32 ADDITION

600 School 32 pupils have big day as new unit opens, mayor joins in

Monday was an exciting day for 600 students at the Guilford Avenue Elementary School 32, Guilford Ave. and Lanvale St.

For the first time since September, they were not going to part-time classes, and, as an added bonus, many of them got to shake hands with Mayor Theodore McKeldin.

They also could celebrate having an auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria of their own.

What Mayor McKeldin was helping them celebrate was the opening day of the new addition to the school, which would allow them to go to school full-time and enjoy the added facilities

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FOR THEIR first day in the new addition, the students had scheduled opening day ceremonies over the new intercom system, but it was the mayor who was the major attraction.

He shook hands with many of the children who crowded eagerly around, not even taking time to switch notebooks from their hands or make sure they had the right hand stretched out.

The pieces of ribbon which the mayor cut to open the addition were at a high premium—as were the scissors, which one girl asked for.

Miss Edith V. Walker, assistant superintendent for Elementary Education, talked to the students of the time she had spent as a student at the school, and gave a short sketch of its history.

The principal of nearby School 113, Mrs. Ruby Freeland, thanked the students for offering to share their new cafeteria and auditorium with her students.

INTERCOM OPENING ceremonies included selections by the school chorus and poems and talks by students.

Mrs. Doris Williams and Mrs. Camillia Williams arranged the ceremonies.

Principal Mrs. Mary Lewis echoed the students' "delight" at now being able "to have a full day program and the use of the new facilities."

The mayor also presented an autographed copy of his book, "No Mean City," which found immediate enshrinement in the school's new library, a part of the addition.

Rules set for public reaction to school board budget proposal

Ground rules have been issued for the public reaction hearing on the school budget Jan. 31, and a deadline has been set for requests for permission to speak.

Requests to make presentations at the 8 p.m. hearing at Eastern High School will not be accepted after 3 p.m. Jan. 30, Supt. Laurence G. Paquin announced.

On Friday, Jan. 27 at the same school at 8 p.m., Dr. Paquin will preview the budget and make available summary reports.

The Public School Teachers Association has scheduled its own study session on the budget for Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Coliseum, 2201 N. Monroe St.

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AT THE meeting, the teachers will present their reactions to the budget and future action. H. Orville Berwick, executive secretary of the association, said.

The superintendent said the public hearings were scheduled "to provide parents, teachers and interested citizens information about an opportunity to discuss budget proposals before they are presented to the Board of School Commissioners."

The order of presentation at the reaction hearing will be determined by the order in which requests are received.

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ADDITIONAL GROUND rules for the hearing are: Only members of the School Board or Board of Superin-

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Job openings

"Excellent opportunities for future advancement to journeyman mechanic and other responsible trade positions" are being offered by the U.S. Civil Service Commission with the Coast Guard.

Successful applicants receive on - the job training at the Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Md. starting at $2.63 per hour.

The necessary forms for application may be obtained at post offices where announcements are posted or from the Executive Secretary, Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Baltimore, Md. 21226.

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Cooling trend scheduled for today (Friday)

Baltimoreans basking in "Sudden Summer" the last of January has brought may soon start packing wishes and dreams for the sunny South again.

A cooling trend is due to arrive today (Friday) with rain and temperatures dropping into the 60's.

And, the U.S. Weatherman states with regret, perhaps the thermometer will trick us again and take a turn for the worse.

"The way things are going," he says, it could go to an all-time low. Who knows?

We are now in the period

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Morgan College

Marshall new math professor

Leave for Dr. Quarles

New secretary for Dr. Jenkins

The Trustee Board of Morgan State College approved the following actions at its Thursday meeting:

Dr. Louis C. Marshall, A.B., Howard U., 1948; M.A., University of Pennsylvania, 1950; further studies, Columbia U., 1953-53; Ph.D., American U., 1964, has been promoted to Professor of Mathematics effective Feb. 1.

Dr. Benjamin Quarles, Chairman of the Department of History, and Dr. Ruthe T. Sheffey, Associate Professor of English, were granted sabbatical leaves effective Sept. 1, 1967 to August 30, 1968.

Dr. Quarles, who did a tremendous volume on "The Colored Man in the American Revolution" in 1961, and "The Negro in the Making of America" in 1964, will work on a third book during his sabbatical.

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THE BOARD of Trustees accepted the resignation of Dr. Albert N. Whiting, dean of the college. Dr. Whiting goes to North Carolina College at Durham as president effective July 1, 1967.

Reuben Rosenberg has been promoted from Accountant II to Accountant III.

Mr. Hilda P. Smith, Secretary III, was transferred to the office of President Martin D. Jenkins.

Other personnel changes at Morgan included:

Clerical Appointments

Mrs. Martha W. Johnson, Clerical Assistant.

Mrs. Lillian T. Mitchell, Secretary III

Miss Lillian H. Ashe, Clerk I
Miss Emilie Veney, Secretary I
Mrs. Golby B. Turner, Clerk II

Mrs. Karen E. Barnes, Clerk-Typist I
Mrs. M. Janelle Simms, Stenographer

Clerical Resignations

Mrs. Carrie L. Price, Clerk I
Mrs. Ida L. Wright, Maternity Leave
Mrs. Marjorie F. Troy, Maternity Leave
Mrs. Gladys Wilson, Clerk - Typist I

Maintenance Appointments

Joseph S. Holmes, Service Worker
Mrs. Alice E. Jubb, Nurse II
Mrs. Christine Lucas, Service Worker
Mrs. Cassandra E. Crenshaw, Food Service Worker
Mrs. Delores E. Comack, Temporary Supervisor of Residence Hall

Maintenance Resignations

Robert W. Mitchell, Service Worker
Edward N. Chandler, Security Officer

Parks appointment

Samuel Hopkins, president of the Board of Recreation and Parks, has announced the appointment of Stephanie Sodaro, 1315 Southview Rd., to the position of music and administrative supervisor for the City of Baltimore.

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Hope Is Expressed For Four Of Quints
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Boxer's Death May Spur Clean-Up

Sued police lose round in court

Federal District Judge Frank A. Kaufman has denied 3 of 4 motions filed on behalf of five Baltimore policemen asking dismissal of a damage suit.

Judge Kaufman, in setting aside arguments made by defense counsel for the policemen, based part of his ruling on the first section of Article 23 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights.

In the case, Benjamin F. McIver, represented by NAACP attorneys, seek damages of more than $100,000 to redress deprivation of constitutional rights and an charges of assault and battery, false arrest and imprisonment, malicious prosecution.

Both sides agreed the statute of limitations had run out on the assault and battery action and this allegation was dismissed.

Article 23 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights provides:

"That no man ought to be taken or imprisoned or disseized of his freehold, liberties or privileges, or outlawed, or exiled, or in any manner, destroyed, or deprived of his life, liberty or property, but by the judgment of his peers, or by the law of the land."

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POLICEMEN named in the civil suit for damages are Glen Russell, Joseph Mullin, Joseph Dalton, Milton Hipsley, Joseph Cole and Edward Eben.

Officers Russell and Cole are listed as the complaining officers.

Mr. McIver was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and assaults on Officers Russell and Cole. The grand jury on July 14, 1964 refused to indict on the charges.

Paul Berma and Bayard Z. Hochberg, defense counsel, also argued for dismissal of the suit on grounds the policemen are immune from liability in both common - law tort actions and actions brought under the federal civil rights act.

However, the court ruled in a case where "a police officer who acted not only with all the authority of his office, but even under the orders of a superior officer, the Maryland Court of Appeals held that when such

—See Sued police, Page 20

Bethlehem Steel must end job discrimination

Bethlehem Steel has been ordered to eliminate racial discrimination in employment practices at Sparrows Point by March.

The order came from the Department of Labor after a survey made here last fall as a result of charges filed by CORE's Target City.

Bethlehem Steel in fiscal 1966 held federal contracts valued at $92,100,000 worth of business, $50,974,000 of it at Sparrows Point.

Charges included locker room segregation, housing facilities, discrimination in the company's police and fire departments and other work areas.

CORE charged in the fall that only 1 of 50 foremen in the crane-loading department were colored though nearly all 500 workers are colored. None were employed in the plant's 50-truck fleet. Few are employed as pipe workers, gas engine operators, bridgemen and welding foremen.

Formal sanctions could be brought against the steel plant, a major employer in the area, if it still is in violation of the Civil Rights standards set by the government in March.

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Rites Saturday for Mrs. Marye Oliver

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Madison near North Aves., for Mrs. Marye Thompson Oliver, 1635 Madison Ave., who died suddenly Wednesday.

The family will receive friends at the Charles R. Law Funeral Home tonight (Friday) from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Burial will be in the family plot at Arbutus Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Oliver, a well-known elementary school teacher for 36 years, was the wife of John J. Oliver Sr., AFRO trustee and mechanical superintendent. She was 51.

She died at Johns Hopkins Hospital where she had been confined since Saturday to undergo tests. She was taken suddenly ill Wednesday afternoon and suffered a heart arrest at 6:30 p.m.

At her bedside were her husband, her daughter Miss Marilyn Thompson Oliver, a senior at the University of Maryland; her sisters, Mesdames Gladys Prestwidge, Hazel Barrett; Myrtle Koger and Evelyn Stewart; sister-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver Abney, and brother-in-law, George Barrett.

Arriving in Baltimore Wednesday night were her son, John J. Oliver Jr., from Fisk University, Nashville, and her brother, George Thompson, from Somerset, Pa.

MRS. OLIVER had been absent from her classroom at Elementary School 112 since June recuperating from a recent illness.

MRS. MARYE OLIVER

After confinement to Hopkins through July, she remained at the family summer home in Cape May, N.J. until after Thanksgiving.

Last week relatives stated she completed arrangements to return to her post at School 112, attended a club meeting and visited her daughter at her dormitory at the University of Maryland in College Park. She and her sisters anticipated a spring vacation in Bermuda.

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MRS. OLIVER was born April 12, 1915 in Somerset, Pa., the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson.

She came to Baltimore after high school graduation and completed teacher training at the old Coppin Normal in 1931.

She began her teaching

—See Mrs. Oliver, Page 2

PICTURES AND STORIES

Clay-Terrell fight in Tuesday's AFRO

Complete coverage of Monday night's Cassius Clay- Ernie Terrell world heavyweight championship fight is being planned for the AFRO.

In addition to a running story of the fight itself, the Tuesday morning AFRO will carry a full page of pictures, behind-the-scenes revelations and firsthand visit to both dressing rooms.

Closed - circuit television will bring the fight to Baltimore fans in the Civic Center. It also will be heard on Radio WWIN.

Slumps during song on stage

By MOSES J. NEWSON

Famed gospel singer Clara Ward was reported in critical condition in Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami Beach, Thursday.

Miss Ward's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Ward, told the AFRO her daughter slumped to the stage of the Castaway Motel Wednesday night about 11:30 as she went into her show-closing number.

Doctors said a blood vessel had burst in her head.

Recalling what happened, Mrs. Ward told the AFRO:

"She was singing her heart out. It was jammed to capacity and they were really with her. They had just given her a great ovation and I think that was one of the reasons she was singing

—See Clara Ward, Page 2

MISS CLARA WARD

Token jury service for race is hit

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Baltimore's system of selecting grand jurors has been under attack this week in Criminal Court before Judge Charles D. Harris.

The case continues today (Friday) with testimony expected to come from members of various panels of the last 10 years.

Also expected to come is stipulated testimony from judges of the Supreme Bench whose job it is to select grand jury members.

According to information before the court, judges asked to give direct testimony from the stand said they preferred to give facts for the state and the prosecuting attorney to stipulate rather than be "affronted" under direct testimony.

The issues involved in alleged discrimination as to race in selecting jurors are:

(1) Are colored prisoners deprived of constitutional rights when they are indicted by a grand jury that allegedly excludes colored citizens from service?

(2) Are colored prisoners deprived of constitutional rights when they are indicted by a grand jury that seems to systematically include colored citizens on a "token" basis?

THE QUESTION of grand jury picking was brought before the court Tuesday by Nelson H. Kandel, attorney for William Calvert Rich, 29, 1000 Valley St., indicted for rape and murder.

The September, 1965 grand jury had two colored jurors out of 23.

Mr. Kandel claims the indictments should be dismissed on the grounds "the jury was illegally and unconstitutionally constituted "in that colored citizens have been systematically excluded and included as members and that any grand jury selected as to race is unconstitutionally constituted."

The motion to dismiss was filed Nov. 7, 1966.

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MR. ROBINSON, who finished the 11-B at Douglass High School, has filed several of the many motions before the court in his own handwriting.

Dressed in a white shirt and pale blue slip - over sweater under a dark gray suit coat, he pleaded not guilty to both crimes at the start of the case on Tuesday.

The incident from which the charges of rape and murder come, happened in the 900 block E. Eager St. Nov. 26, 1965.

The victim, 14-year-old

—See Token jury, Page 20

Rep. Powell's return studied by N. Y. judge

NEW YORK (UPI) — U.S. Judge Sylvester J. Ryan reserved decision Wednesday on whether Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y., can visit his constituents in Harlem without being arrested to serve a jail term for criminal contempt.

Ryan said he questioned the jurisdiction of the federal court in dealing with the suit, brought by 92 Harlem voters who claim they have been deprived of their constitutional rights to representation by the area or orders against Powell.

The judge said he would study the case carefully, although he thought the petitioners should have sought remedy in state courts.

He also reserved decision on a counter - motion for dismissal of the suit brought by Mrs. Esther James, the Harlem widow who won a $164,000 defamation suit against Powell.

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POWELL'S ATTORNEYS paid $32,460 — the remainder of the original judgment — to Mrs. James Tuesday. Payment of the balance will depend on an appeal by Powell now pending in the courts.

He also has been sentenced to 14 months in jail as the result of criminal and civil contempt convictions.

Powell has immunity from arrest on the civil convic-

—See Powell's return, Page 20

Mother of Viet victim: 'I don't think my son had a fair chance'

"I don't think my son had a fair chance."

A grief - stricken mother, Mrs. Veola Shannon, 1218 Argyle Ave., was speaking of the death of her son in Vietnam.

Pfc Robert G. Robertson, 26, was killed by a mine explosion Jan. 27, according to information released by the Department of Defense.

A telephone company employee in Wheeling, W. Va., Robertson was drafted into the Army last July.

Assigned to Vietnam, he spent some leave time in Baltimore with his mother, leaving in early November.

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"HE DIDN'T want to go to Vietnam," his mother told the AFRO. "He didn't want to worry me but he had strong feelings about going."

After arriving in Vietman, Pfc. Robertson wrote his mother two and three times a week.

The last letter, late in December, told her, "We go out into the field two and three weeks at a time.

"We can't write, but please, don't you stop writing."

Mrs. Shannon received no letter from her son for three weeks.

"The fourth week I got the telegram, Sunday morning," Mrs. Shannon said.

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THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT advised the grieving mother the coffin was being

—See Mother of, Page 20

LAST LETTER — Mrs. Veola Shannon and grandson, George Brown, read letter from her son, Pfc. Robert G. Robertson (inset). Army notified her that her son was killed in Vietnam Jan. 27.

'Favorite Teacher' contestants face first big cut-off on Monday

Time is running out for nominating your favorite teacher in the AFRO's Favorite Teacher Contest.

You still have time to nominate your teacher or to send in more votes for a teacher already nominated.

It's simple. It's easy. It's fun, to give your favorite teacher a crack at one of the AFRO sponsored trips to Puerto Rico this spring or one of 12 other prizes.

A total of 338,300 votes from some 45 schools has been received so far.

The vote coupon printed on page two of this edition of the AFRO is the final coupon in the nominating round. Get coupons, fill in the information and mail or bring them to the AFRO Favorite Teacher Contest, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore Md. 21201.

Get your friends and relatives to pitch in and lend a hand. The more coupons, the better the chances of your teacher winning an AFRO prize.

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ONLY TEACHERS nominated in Phase One of the contest will be eligible to compete in the finals. This will be the top teacher from each school. Your favorite teacher must be the top teacher in her school in order to participate in the finals.

Winners will be selected from the finals. Voting in this phase will begin with the coupon printed in the Feb. 14 edition of the AFRO. These coupons will be printed in the AFRO each Tuesday and Wednesday until March 18.

Winners will be announced in the AFRO on March 24.

Prizes include:

1st, Plane ticket to San

—See Contest, Page 2

Assembly due housing bill

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — This new reapportioned General Assembly will get an open housing bill next week, possibly by Wednesday.

Provisions of the bill have not been worked out, but it is expected to be far from a weak measure.

It will have also the consensus of thinking of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Human Rights, the state's Interracial Commission, the NAACP and the interested, liberal - minded members of the Assembly.

A poll of Assembly members is being taken today (Friday) by several of the lawmakers, to determine what type of bill has the best chances of passage.

This was the outcome of a meeting late Thursday afternoon called by Sen. James Clark Jr. (D. Howard-Montgomery), vice chairman of the Governor's Commission, and attended by several lawmakers and other representatives.

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AT POINT of discussion was whether to press for a very strong, all - inclusive bill, or a moderate one, or

—See Housing bill, Page 20

No 'talkers' in busy pool hall on Ave.

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

"When you come up here you'd better know what you're doing. This is 'Death Valley.'"

T. J. Osby was standing on the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Smithson St.

"This is the darndest place I've seen in all my days. It's worst than the wild west ever was."

James Dorsey, longtime and successful Pennsylvania Ave. businessman, was addressing himself to the same subject as was Mr. Osby.

So was James Bumbry, also longtime Avenue businessman, who had this reaction:

"I'll swear, it goes from bad to worst. Somebody better do something—and fast."

Thus the "Death Valley" tag Mr. Osby hung on the 1500 block Pennsylvania drew the blessings of Messrs. Bumbry and Dorsey, both of whom — like Mr. Osby — are experts on the life and times of the block located on what was once described as "The Street of Dreams."

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THE 1500 block of Pennsylvania Ave. or "Death Valley," came in this week for renewed interest because naked violence made one of its frequent visits there.

William Bertis Wynn, 30-year - old itinerant professional boxer, was shot dead in Mack's Pool Room in the heart of "Death Valley."

A former penitentiary guard and ex - steelworker, Mr. Wynn was pronounced dead 8:30 p.m. Monday after a 45 - caliber bullet tore through his head, slammed through the wall and ricocheted into another room.

Events leading to the slaying are unknown, Lt. E. L. Lawrence, acting commander of Western District, reported.

Held without bail, pending action of the grand jury is Earl J. Miller, 34, 900 block Rutland Ave.

Jack Gresham, 46, 5200 block Kenilworth Ave., was on duty as the "house man," when violence erupted.

He told police that the place was "packed and all the tables were being used."

The "houseman" told Lt. Lawrence and Murder Squad detectives he was busy "tracking balls" and didn't see what happened.

Nor could anyone of the "packed house" audience shed any light on the shooting, police reported. They vacated rather hastily, investigators were told.

"They saw nothing, heard

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NAACP backs McKeldin on housing bill action

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin has come out strongly in defense of the introduction of his new open housing ordinance in the City Council. He drew evicitsm as well as support.

Sharp criticism has arisen in some quarters, with charges the mayor is playing politics with the bill by placing it before a Council that has three times rejected a housing measure.

Councilman Henry G. Parks Jr. (4th D.) has termed the mayor's action an "exercise in futility."

Walter Carter, of Activists for Fair Housing, has charged the introduction of the bill is a move to "fool the colored community."

MAYOR MCKELDIN takes sharp issue with these criticisms. He told the AFRO Tuesday:

"We've got to keep on putting this thing in until it passes, if it takes a hundred years.

"This defeatist attitude gives comfort to your reac-

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