INTENSITY on the part of participants and audience at the Tuesday night public reaction hearing on the proposed school budget is shown on these faces, three of whom had just finished presentations: Morgan College Professor Alexander Walker (left), speaking as a citizen; the Rev. Robert Pierson (center), speaking as a minister in East Baltimore's inner city, and John Neuman, representing Homewood Monthly Meeting, Society of Friends.

CITY COUNCIL observers at the hearing, which attracted an audience of 200 to Eastern High School, included (at left) William D. Schaefer (D., Fifth) and J. Joseph Curran (D., Third).

CHATTING after the hearing are speakers Mrs. Carole Phillips, representing the League of Women Voters, and Roy Borum, representing the Mayor's Task Force.

PRESIDENT of the Baltimore Teachers Union, Dennis Crosby (left) congratulates Ernest Widenhouse on his presentation for the union, which called for the School Board to ask higher salaries than those contained in the proposed budget.

Legal Service Center seen easing helplessness of poor

"During my years of practice among the poor and during my tenure as a judge, I have seen at first hand the helplessness and bewilderment of the poor when faced with the legalities of our complex society."

George L. Russell Jr., an "escapee from poverty," was standing on the grimy sidewalk of a street synonymous with poverty — 1803 Pennsylvania Ave.

He was delivering the dedication address Tuesday for an agency designed to rescue the poverty - stricken from the legal entanglements of everyday living — the first Legal Aid Bureau Neighborhood Center.

Sponsored jointly by the Legal Aid Bureau and the Community Action Commission, local policy - making arm of the national War on Poverty, the plan was to locate 10 such centers throughout the "Action Areas" of the CAC's battle against poverty.

The proposal triggered immediate and heated opposition from some segments of the membership of the Bar Association.

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FOLLOWING a two-year, bitter debate, CAC officials reached a compromise allowing for two centers and an expanded Legal Aid Bureau in central city.

Mayor McKeldin, described by one speaker as a "champion of the poor," introduced Judge Russell.

Judge Russell, a product of the Fremont and Pennsylvania Aves. area who overcame "all kinds" of handicaps to excel in the field of law, sounded a ringing theme when he compared the dedication address Neighborhood Legal Aid Center to aid the poor under the jurisdiction of the Community Action Agency and the Legal Aid Bureau, Det. Philip Smith (center) is assigned to protect Mayor McKeldin following increased death threats received by the mayor and members of his family.

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LBJ requested to influence FHA appointee

President Johnson was urged this week to that the next director of the Maryland Federal Housing Administration "not only conceives of housing within the broad framework of the public good but who also is publicly committed to a free and open housing market."

ACTIVISTS for Fair Housing told President Johnson "we feel that your Administration's commitment to open housing

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School budget on its way through official gauntlet

If school officials — and teachers, PTA's and citizens' group — have their way, an increase of nearly $30,000,000 will be spent on Baltimore public school children next year.

The Board of School Commissioners yesterday gave final approval to its 1967-1968 Budget Request for $144,531,838.

This is an increase of $29,282,606 over the sum of $115,249,232 allocated for the previous year.

The request, now out of the hands of school officials, goes next to the city Budget Director, Board of Estimates and City Council for final action.

THE BUDGET, encompassing major innovations, had been the subject of two unprecedented public hearings — one in which School Superintendent Lawrence G. Paquin "previewed" it and one in which the public and teachers' groups had a chance to air their reactions.

In the latter, teachers groups, the Public School Teachers Association and the Baltimore Teachers Union, did some carping about the increased salaries, but public reaction on the whole was favorable.

THE PROPOSED salary program, Dr. Paquin said yesterday, provides a median salary increase for teachers next year of about $885.

For a teacher with a Bachelor's degree, it provides a starting salary of $6,000 and a maximuff of $9,900 to be reached in 15 years.

The PSTA had recommended a range of $6,300 - $11,403 in 10 years; and the BTU, a range of $7,500 - $15,000 also in ten years.

Cost of Implementing the new salary program for educational staff and members of classified service was estimated at $8.7 million in the budget document released yesterday.

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AMONG MAJOR advances over previous budget are:

An increase in the per pupil expenditure for texts and materials from $16 a year to $30.

The establishment of an inner city "model school" program in three schools for about 2,000 pupils, at an in-

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Ambulance attendants penalized

By ROGER J. NISSLY

Two Fire Department ambulance crewmen accused of missing an ambulance call to a fatal fire because they were asleep, were found guilty and were dealt strenuous punishment by the Board of Fire Commissioners Tuesday.

The ambulance crewmen, Raymond L. Keil and George C. W. McKnight Jr., were handed penalties including 60 days continuous duty, loss of 22 days vacation and transfer from the ambulance service.

In addition the men lost pay for the time they were suspended from the Friday morning fire until Tuesday night. Continuous duty requires a fire fighter to spend 21 hours a day on call in the station.

President of the Fire Board, Stanley Scherr, described the charges as "the most serious that we have sat in on."

"When 11 men get up and two can't, no explanation is plausible," he added.

He referred to testimony that 11 of the component of 13 men at Engine Co. 13, McCulloh and McHechen Sts., responded to the 1:13 a.m. alarm, while the two men failed to awaken and man the watch desk as regulations stipulate.

Subsequently, it was testified, they failed to respond to a call from the fire scene for an ambulance.

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AT 1:20 A.M., two minutes after the ambulance crew failed to answer, another ambulance twice the distance, or 16 blocks, from the fire was dispatched.

A few minutes later, at 1:38 a.m., the two men also failed to respond to another call on a different case, John T. O'Malley, executive secretary of the board, stated.

Finally Battalion Chief Joseph Dales was sent to the station and, finding them asleep in bed, said he shook them "vigorously" to awaken them.

As a result of the fire at 619 Dolphin St., Mrs. Mary Butler Coates, 49, and her son, Albert Butler, 12, were taken to Maryland General Hospital with severe burns.

They were pronounced dead there over the weekend.

"It's a bad thing when

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BURHA to offer poor homes in Harlem Park

A new method of providing housing for low-income families through the rehabilitation of used housing was announced today by Richard L. Steiner, director of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

Five tax delinquent properties in the Harlem Park Urban Renewal Area have been purchased from the City by the Zane Construction Company of Baltimore, which will rehabilitate them according to BURHA specifications and sell them to that agency for use as public housing.

Work is expected to get underway shortly after March 1. These are the first of approximately 50 properties in this area for which similar treatment is anticipated.

The same eligibility requirements, income limits and rent formula that apply to residents of the public housing projects will apply to the residents of rehabilitated public housing.

The purchase price to BURHA of the five rehabilitated properties will be $75,416 or an average of $10,800 for each of the seven dwelling units to be contained in the five structures.

This is considerably less than the cost of a public housing unit in new construction. Five of the dwelling units have been designated for large families and two for elderly persons, the two groups whose housing need is most persistent and acute.

The five properties are: 1805 Harlem Ave. — two stories; 523 N. Carrollton Ave. — three stories; 515 N. Carrollton Ave. — three stories; 518 N. Gilmor St. — three stories; 520 N. Gilmor St. — three stories.

The one-bedroom apartments for the elderly will be located in the three-story houses at 515 and 523 N. Carrollton Ave.

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IN ENUMERATING the advantages of the used-housing method of meeting needs of low-income families, Mr. Steiner said: "It has been called 'instant housing' in that the delays inherent in new construction are eliminated.

The per unit cost is considerably less than in new construction. There are distinct benefits to a family to be able to live in a normal neighborhood environment.

"Properties which bring the City no revenue at present and have been rejected at public auction will again become income - producing as public housing is obligated by law to pay the City 10 percent of its shelter rents in lieu of taxes."

While listing the advantages of used or rehabilitated housing, Mr. Steiner stressed the fact that it must not be regarded as the answer to the total housing problem of Baltimore's low-income families.

He termed the program one more method of responding to the need. In no way should it be regarded as a substitute for the public housing projects, which, alone, can provide the volume that is necessary if the vast need is to be even partially met.

Lee's Pub gets off the hook

A consent agreement in which Bernie Lee's Pub, 200 block Chase St., expresses willingness to serve all on an equal basis, has been approved by Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen in federal court.

James J. Hanly, operator of the tavern and restaurant, promised to make no racial distinction in his customers.

Arthur G. Murphy, deputy U.S. attorney, filed the complaint on Jan. 9 and the Pub the very next day stated it would start serving colored persons.

If there are further violations contempt of court citations could result.

Code of Ethics for real estate board rapped

The Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations has voiced stiff opposition to Section 5 of the Maryland Real Estate Commission's proposed Code of Ethics.

Rabbi Israel M. Goldberg, vice - chairman of the Interracial Commission, said in a statement released this week that the adoption of Section 5 will be detrimental to race relations because it lends itself to "misunderstanding."

Section 5 of the Real Estate code provides that salesmen shall not cause conditions in neighborhoods which might tend to "devaluate property."

A spokesman for the Interracial Commission said many real estate brokers-salesmen and agents have construed the provision to mean that houses in certain areas should not be sold to colored.

The Interracial Commission will officially oppose the code at a public hearing scheduled Feb. 7.

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'Self-help' foes scored

"You can't build up the interest of poor people and let them come up with a workable program only to knock it out.

"These jobs are not political. Politics would only destroy the program.

"Under the terms of provisions set up by the national Office of Economic Opportunity, no elected official can come in and dictate terms of the programs for the poor."

Parren J. Mitchell, executive director of the Community Action Agency, was commenting on the effort of

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AT LAST — Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin introduces Supreme Bench Judge George L. Russell Jr., (right) who delivered Tuesday for the first time the dedication address Neighborhood Legal Aid Center to aid the poor under the jurisdiction of the Community Action Agency and the Legal Aid Bureau. Det. Philip Smith (center) is assigned to protect Mayor McKeldin following increased death threats received by the mayor and members of his family.

Collapse, dismissal as 'fraud' trials continue

By ROGER J. NISSLY

One alleged welfare fraud case won dismissal with the presence of a lawyer Tuesday in Northeastern Municipal Court, in a session that was marked by the collapse of one of eight defendants brought to trial.

Judge Joseph G. Finnerty, hearing the cases, began a new procedure by referring one man to the Legal Aid Bureau.

Judge Finnerty, in the previous session, Tuesday morning, commented sarcastically on the fact that the defendants in the cases were suddenly asking for court - appointed lawyers.

In the preceding weeks of concerted prosecution, a few score defendants had gained dismissals.

Prosecutor Richard Donadio began on Jan. 3 with a backlog of 100 cases ready for trial, with more in the process of investigation. Approximately 20 cases were scheduled for trial each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Northeastern Court.

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TUESDAY two of the cases were held for the grand jury, two defendants were given time to have their lawyers in court, two were found guilty and given suspended sentences and fines and one was postponed until the defendant would be released from the hospital.

Mrs. Lorraine Jones, 44, 2500 block Madison Ave., fell to the floor in a faint when the judge pronounced "held for the grand jury."

Unrepresented by counsel, she apparently had not been prepared for the outcome of the preliminary hearing in which it was charged she had gained $292.50 she was not entitled to.

Under the code and method by which the cases are tried, all those not involving aid to families with dependent children go to Criminal

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Abramson-Welcome feud picks up steam

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — The heated controversy between two of Baltimore's 4th District representatives, Sen. Verda Welcome and Del. Murray Abramson, moved into a more serious vein Thursday.

Mr. Abramson told the AFRO a board meeting of the 4th District Democratic Organization, of which both are members, would be held at his request over the weekend.

Purpose of the special meeting, he said, was his demands that Sen. Welcome refute her charges against him and his wife, Mrs. Helaine Abramson.

Sen. Welcome publicly charged earlier in the week that the Lake Dr. apartment house where the Abramsons live, and where Mrs. Abramson is resident manager, has a policy of racial segregation.

Sen. Welcome said she had evidence of this.

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MR. ABRAMSON, chairman of the Baltimore City House delegation, has heatedly denied the charge.

He said these steps would be taken by him at the upcoming special board meeting of their mutual organization:

1. An apology would be demanded of Sen. Welcome to him and Mrs. Abramson.

2. If this is not forthcoming, he will place charges of defamation of character, etc.

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Groundhog peeks out, sees cold days ahead

RECORD WINTER? — It just might be, according to the the U.S. Weather Bureau at Baltimore's Friendship Airport. The friendly little creature above came out and looked at one of the brightest days in 10 years and then hurried back to his undergound hiding place to ride out at least six weeks more of winter.

Well, it looks as if we'll be in for six more weeks of winter.

Mrs. Karen Kopkie at the Baltimore Zoo reports that Mr. Groundhog came out Thursday, saw his shadow and hurried back to his winter berth for at least another six weeks.

If you're up on your weather folklore you know that if it's a bright day and the little fellow sees his shadow it will scare him back into his hole, where he'll stay until the winter is over.

But if the day is cloudy and he can't see his shadow, he'll stay above ground, which is supposed to be a pretty good indication that the warm weather will stay around.

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WEATHERMAN HERB Groper over at the U. S. Weather Bureau at Baltimore's Friendship Airport said that if there is any truth to the old Groundhog legend, the worst of the winter is yet to come.

Thursday's temperature at the Airport hit a record high of 60 degrees which topped the previous all-time high set for that day in 1932 when sun and clear skies sent the mercury to 57 degrees.

But the nice weather won't last long. The weathermen report a cold air mass is moving down on the Baltimore area, which does add some credulence to old Mr. Groundhog's fast retreat.

So, if you're a Groundhog 'affecinado' better not put away that heavy winter coat, or pack those blankets in moth balls just yet. It looks like we'll still have some pretty cold weather before Mr. Groundhog comes out to stay.

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Powell's Committee Staff Ousted

Businessmen unhappy with Ave. proposal

By STERLING A. PAIGE

A two-hour meeting Monday night of nearly 50 business operators on lower Pennsylvania Avenue ended in turmoil as many merchants expressed displeasure with tentative plans to uproot them.

The session was one of a series held in the wake of the AFRO's business columnist's publicizing details of a plan for shutting down an eight-block area of the Avenue.

The original proposal, offered last spring by Herman Katkow, director of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Small Business, called

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for a concentrated business area between Mosher and Robert Streets.

The area below Mosher, extending to Franklin St., would be razed.

CITY AND Federal funds totaling $108,000 were placed in the hands of the Advisory Committee for a survey and plan of action for the rehabilitation of run-down commercial areas in the city.

The areas designated for rehabilitation were Cross St., E. Monument St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Mr. Katkow, addressing the group, said the Pennsylvania Ave. study area posed a special set of problems.

Reading from a report prepared by the firm of consultants hired to conduct the survey, Mr. Katkow, also president of the PAIMA, said:

"The extensive rehabilitation necessary in the Pennsylvania Avenue area would not be economically feasible."

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KATKOW'S REPORT was interrupted by angry comments from several merchants who requested he repeat that section of the consultant's report.

Complying with these requests, the Advisory Committee director immediately became the target for numerous questions from the audience.

Included among these were the Rev. Clinton R. Coleman, president of the Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, in the 1100 block.

The minister stated his church had recently invested a large sum of money in ex-

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GO IN SNOW? — Unidentified Baltimore woman pleds through snow toward waiting taxi. Heavy snow, which blanketed Baltimore area Tuesday, slowed transportation and virtually brought city to a stand-still. While older folk fought snow, youngsters enjoyed a 'schoolless' day of just plain fooling around.

Grand Jury under another searchlight

Tucker R. Dearing and Harry I. Kaplan, local attorneys, have filed legal papers in connection with a Criminal Court case that challenges the constitutionality of the Baltimore Grand Jury on basis of selection of members of the panel.

Before the court are two indictments of rape and robbery with a deadly weapon charged to Carrol Hugh Bell, 16, 400 block E. Biddle St.

The documents are directed to the attention of Thomas Biddison Jr., assistant in the office of the State's Attorney.

The attorneys claim the Grand Jury which returned the indictments was constitutionally constituted in that the racial embalance was not proportionally representative of the colored population of the city.

The embalance is in violation of equal protection and due process clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, they

This portion of the Constitution requires that a Grand Jury as an integral part of the public justice be a body truly representative of the community, Tucker and Kaplan state.

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THE MOTION, filed Feb. 6 to have the indictments against the youth quashed also states that colored citizens haves been interionally and systematically included on grand juries on a token and unequal basis contrary to law.

Accusing the Grand Jury of intentionally including a few colored citizens, the document also states the panel that indicted young Bell intentionally and systematically excluded colored citizens at the same time.

In another document filed Feb. 6, the attorneys ask for all records placed before the court last week in the trial of William Calvert Robinson, the case that also raised the same questions on Grand Jury composition.

James W. McAllister succeeded Nelson R. Kandel as Mr. Robinson's attorney through an appointment by

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CORE raps Md. suit on low-pay jobs

A suit filed by the state of Maryland which challenges the right of the Federal government to set minimum wage and overtime standards in agencies supported by state funds, was attacked this week by Walter Brooks, project director of the Congress of Racial Equality.

In a letter to Gov. Spiro T. Agnew, Brooks charged that the suit, which attempts to block the extension of minimum-wage and overtime standards to school and hospital workers throughout the state, is a "vicious attempt and thinly-veiled excuse for depriving people of their rights."

Gov. Agnew and Maryland State Attorney General Francis B. Burch contend the suit, which will be heard before a three-judge federal panel next month, involves the question of states' right under the Tenth Amendment of the Constitution.

"There could be no excuse," Agnew said in a release this week, for our failure to resist this improper attempt of the Federal Government to regulate the activities of the state of Maryland."

Burch said the state's brief takes the position that the Federal Government can not intercede in affairs which will directly or indirectly affect a state's budget.

"If they can do that," he said, "there is no telling what they will do. If they can require the Assembly or the Legislature to appropriate for one purpose they can do it for another.

"We are not fighting the minimum wage provision, just the provision requiring time-and-a-half for overtime. I don't think the court will rule that this comes under the provision of the Interstate Commerce Act.

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MEANWHILE, a team of U.S. attorneys, directed by District Attorney Thomas J. Kenney, are preparing the Federal Government's side of the case.

Kenney said his investigators have uncovered evidence which indicates that the schools and hospitals in question have engaged in interstate commerce.

"Congress has passed an act," Kenney said, "which provides that hospital employees and other workers in institutions of a state nature be paid time-and-a-half for hours worked in excess of 44 each week. Apparently Congress has made an investigation and determined that these institutions do come under the provisions of the commerce act."

Brooks and CORE contend that the Maryland suit will

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APPEARS BEFORE COMMITTEE — Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D.-N.Y.) (right) and chief aide, Chuck Stone, as they appeared before a special committee investigating Powell's right to hold a Congressional seat Wednesday. Staff photo by Cabell.

About half of employes reported out

WASHINGTON

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell's full House Education and Labor Committee of 12, with the exception of a messenger, was fired, it was learned yesterday.

Reportedly out looking for new jobs are the Harlem Congressman's top aide, C. Sumner (Chuck) Stone, his chief investigator; Odel Clark and Mrs. Maxine Dargens, chief clerk of the committee for the past six years.

The move, according to one source, was made over the objection of Congressman Carl Perkins (D-Ky.) who had promised retention of Powell's appointees until the Congressional panel investigating his fitness to sit in Congress has completed its investigation.

Perkins succeeded Powell last month as committee chairman.

JOINING PERKINS in the unsuccessful effort to keep

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Marriage ban voted down in Md. Senate

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — The Senate passed without comment Thursday afternoon the bill to repeal Maryland's 306-year-old ban on mixed marriages.

Shortly before, there had been introduced in the same chamber the first open housing bill to reach this new product of a liberal Maryland Assembly.

The vote on the mixed marriage repealer, SB 72, was 25-7 with one absent.

The bill now goes to the House for action there.

A similar bill passed the Senate last year, but was killed in the House, which at the time had a large make up of rural county members.

HERE IS how the roll call vote went on the marriage

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Teachers' Contest nominations end

They're off and running.

That's exactly what the survivors of the preliminary nominations round in the Favorite Teacher Contest will be doing as of Tuesday.

In today's edition of the AFRO is a complete list of contestants and the vote they polled in the race to qualify for the finals.

Top vote getters from 94 schools will vie for two exciting, fun-filled trips to the exotic island in the sun San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Official ballots will be printed in Tuesday edition.

First place winner will receive a round trip Jet liner ticket to the vacation mecca, plus hotel reservation, and $100 cash thrown in for good measure.

Second place finisher will also pick up a round trip ticket, hotel reservations with $50 added for "walk-round" or rather "play-around" money.

In the hotly contested nominating race 768,600 votes were cast by students in the city's schools.

NOW THAT the preliminaries are over, the contest moves into the "play for keeps" category. Beginning Tuesday the ballot worth 100 votes, will be printed on Page 2.

It will run each Tuesday and Friday until March 18.

Winners will be announced in the Friday, March 24

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Should college board have Ph.D. as chief?

ANNAPOLIS — Should the executive director of the board of trustees of Maryland's state colleges have a doctorate degree and some years of administration experience at such an institution?

Dr. William E. Henry, president, Bowie State College, thinks so and said as much during a Senate Finance Committee hearing Thursday morning on his college's budget.

Dr. Henry, who holds a Ph.D., made the statements in criticism leveled at Comer S. Coppie, executive director, board of trustees of the state colleges.

Mr. Coppie does not have a doctorate degree.

The comments came during an incidental reference to a conflict between Mr. Coppie and his business manager.

A senator interrupted to say this was a matter for an executive session, and there were no further comments along that line.

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ANOTHER STATE college matter of interest was prepared here Thursday for introduction in the House today (Friday).

It is a bill to establish a permanent and separate board of trustees for Morgan State College.

It is sponsored by Del. Floyd B. Adams (D. 2nd Balto.), a freshman lawmaker.

Earlier legislation had grouped all the state colleges, with the exception of Morgan, under the board of trustees of which Mr. Coppie is the director.

Morgan was granted an exemption until such time that at least three of the other institutions reached "validated" accreditation status as liberal arts colleges.

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2 sisters shot, ex-suitor held

Two sisters were wounded by gunshots during a till-then - quiet evening of watching television in their apartment in the 2200 block of Hollins St. Tuesday evening.

Being held for action of the Grand Jury in the shooting is a man identified as the ex - boyfriend of one of the sisters — Harry James Pittman, 23, a chauffeur of the 400 block N. Arlington Ave.

Southwestern District police arrived about 6:40 p.m. to find both sisters, bleeding from wounds in the thighs, in the middle room of their first floor apartment.

The sisters were identified as Miss Letitia Middleton, 22, and Miss Dorothy Middleton, 28.

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DOROTHY, WHO was the less seriously wounded of the two, told police they were watching television when her sister went into the kitchen to get something to eat.

Miss Middleton said she heard a shot and when she ran to the doorway of the kitchen she was also shot in the right side.

She said the assailant left by a side door.

Police Crime Lab photographed the scene, including a puddle of blood in the middle of the floor, a spent bullet and what looked like a bullet hole in the ceiling.

The elder sister was admitted to Bon Secours Hospital in fair condition and later taken to the intensive

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Miss Fannette Hughes, nurse, is found dead

"The death could have been accidental, or it could have been suicidal."

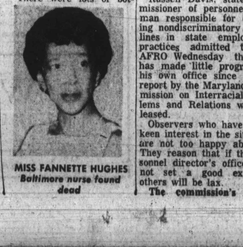
Assistant Medical Examiner Charles S. Petty described, as well as he could, pending complete tests, the circumstances surrounding the death of Miss Fannette Hughes, 41, 1600 block N. Hilton St.

Police and friends discovered the body of the well - known nurse in her apartment about 3:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Western District police learned that the last person to see her alive was a friend who had given her a permanent in her apartment five days before.

DR. PETTY explained that toxicology tests would not be completed for two or three weeks, but that they might indicate whether the death was accidental.

"There were lots of bot-



MISS FANNETTE HUGHES
Baltimore nurse found dead

tles" (medicine bottles), in the deceased's bedroom, he noted, indicating that death came from "some type of drugs."

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A NEIGHBOR in the apartment house, Mrs. Esther Lucket, told police she became worried Tuesday that she had not seen or heard her friend for several days and notified the superintendent.

With the superintendent, Rudolph Wongquest, Mrs. Luckett entered the apartment

State personnel director's office 'about same' 2 years after survey

Russell Davis, state commissioner of personnel, the man responsible for enforcing nondiscriminatory guidelines in state employment practices admitted to the AFRO Wednesday that he has made little progress in his own office since a 1964 report by the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations was released.

Observers who have taken keen interest in the situation are not too happy about it. They note that if the personnel director's office does not set a good example, others will be lax.

The commission's report indicated that in 1964 Davis had a personnel staff of 87 employees of which five were non-white.

Wednesday, Davis told an AFRO reporter that he still has a staff of "about 90" and that the percentage of non-white employees is "still about the same."

In 1961, the Maryland General Assembly enacted anti-bias legislation aimed at prohibiting discrimination in the state Civil Service because of race, creed or religion.

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THE COMMISSION'S report pointed out an urgency for the State Civil Service system to adhere to fair employment practices and thereby set an "example" for private business and industry throughout the state.

A head count in Davis' office Wednesday morning tallied some five women and colored employees, all apparently engaged in clerical duties.

The reporter noted no colored women in the capacity of executive secretary or other higher level positions.

When asked for further comment on the situation at his office, Davis said that he didn't "keep racial records" and didn't know in what capacities the colored employees in his office served.