KELSON FINAL RITES:

'Mr. Integrity' leaves his beloved 'Sandtown'

Sandtown turned out in great numbers Tuesday. So did a lot of other people from a cross section of the city.

Tuesday was a special day.

That's when a native son —George Gray Kelson— bade a final farewell to his beloved Sandtown.

Mr. Kelson, who in his 64 years became a legend in Sandtown through his chosen profession as a funeral director par excellence, died suddenly at Provident Hospital early Friday evening.

For the benefit of those short on the city's folklore, Sandtown is a section of West Baltimore of long tradition.

Although there is no hard and fast agreement on its geographical outline, Sandtown, is roughly bounded by North Ave. on the north; Lafayette Ave. on the south; Fremont Ave. on the east; and Fulton Ave. on the west.

The highly successful Kelson Funeral Home at 1348 N. Calhoun St. is in the heart of Sandtown.

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IT WAS fitting then that a prominent Sandtown site be selected for Mr. Kelson's last curtain call.

It was.

Ames Methodist Church, at Baker and Carey Sts., is a vital intersection of the community which created the man destined to become known as "Mr. Integrity" because of the high plane on which he kept his dealings with his clients, neighbors, associates and friends.

GEORGE GRAY KELSON
'He Walked Tall . . .'

And so to Ames came what Western District policemen estimated as more than 900 people to pay their respects to "Mr. Integrity."

The stature of Mr. Kelson cast a shadow which extended far beyond the boundaries of Sandtown. Among those who came to say good-bye was a friend and a colleague from Batesville, Ind., David Kennedy.

If the effort to shun the use of the world "funeral" is detected, that is as it should be.

Funerals are very sad and there is usually much weeping.

When the Rev. Ernest P. Clark, Ames pastor, led the final tributes to "Mr. Integrity" there was hardly any sadness and tears were at a minimum.

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AS A native Sandtowner, Mrs. Laura Shelton described "the farewell of George Gray Kelson, alias "Mr. Integrity," as a "nice funeral."

This it seemed coincided with the life and time of the native son of Sandtown.

The Rev. Mr. Clark put it this way:

"He walked tall among men and with God."

The ministry, eloquent, penetrating, and at times amusing, examined the "measure of the man" and found that "Mr. Integrity" was a man of many dimensions.

"By what name do you know George Kelson?" the minister asked.

"Father, grandfather, pop, trustee, steward, Mr. K, Mr. Kelson, boss?

The beloved funeral director, was all these things to different people, the Rev. Mr. Clark declared, adding:

"He was a real man."

A touch of humor drifted over the huge audience which spilled into the street.

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"THERE ARE many here now who owe him money," the minister said while touching on the generous spirit of Mr. Kelson.

"He would have been a rich man if everybody who owned him had paid him."

Mr. Kelson had a greater concern than money, the speaker continued.

"He wanted to help keep people alive. If they died, his concern was comforting the grieving."

An excerpt from the obituary, read by Fr. Michael Nicholas, SJ, Peter Claver, gave further insight into the character of "Mr. Integrity."

"George was a family man, a good husband, father, brother, grandfather. He loved each member of his family with his entire being.

"His employees loved him as a father, a brother, and with or without his bidding any and all jobs were done to perfection because his employees knew his standard as a minimum.

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SURVIVORS — Relatives of George G. Kelson enter Ames Methodist Church for final rites for the prominent funeral director. At left are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Diggs, son-in-law and step daughter: Mr. and Mrs. John E. Stokes, son-in-law and daughter (she is being aided by attendant). At right are a brother, Charles Kelson, who is assisting the widow, Mrs. Juanita A. Kelson.

1 of firemen on missed call quits his job

One of two ambulance drivers dealt severe punishment for missing a call to a fire that later resulted in two fatalities has resigned from the Fire Department.

John T. O'Mailey, executive secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners, confirmed that the firefighter resigned the day after the punishment was meted out in a hearing before the Board.

The former ambulance crewman, George C. M. McKnight Jr., 39, was a veteran of the department of nearly 14 years.

He and his fellow crewman, Raymond L. Keil, 30, a nine - year veteran, were handed the punishment of 60 days continuous duty at the hearing Jan. 31.

Additional measures taken were the loss of 22 days of vacation, transfer from the ambulance service and loss of pay for the four days they were suspended after the missed call.

On continuous duty, a fireman is required to spend 21

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Ashe home subject of court action

Calvin R. Ashe has been given until Feb. 27 to show cause why the leasehold property at 2801 Mohawk Ave., should not be sold privately or at public auction to satisfy the terms of the will of his wife, Mrs. Letitia B. Ashe.

The show cause order on file in Circuit Court No. 2 was signed by Judge Meyer W. Cardin Feb. 8.

The order is also directed to the Atlantic Federal Savings and Loan Association, William Huber president, holders of the mortgage on the swank Northwest Baltimore rambler of the retired teacher.

Mrs. Ashe, veteran Douglass High School teacher, died April 15, 1965.

In her will she left her leasehold interest in the property with the desire, understanding and direction

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Christian files suit for custody of infant son

William Christian has filed for the custody of his infant son on the charge that the conditions under which the child is now living do not promote his general welfare and best interests.

The petition filed in Circuit Court, is directed against his wife, Mrs. Minnie Christian, whose address is given as 1703 Darley Rd.

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MR. CHRISTIAN in his petition says that he and Mrs. Christian separated on Nov. 20, 1966, when she left and took their sin, Juan A. Christian, two years and 10 months old.

The father says that he is employed at the V. A. Hospital at Fort Howard and earns a substantial salary. He believes, says he, that Mrs. Christian is unwilling or unable to alter the situation under which the child is now living.

She arbitrarily refuses to grant custody of the child to him in order that he might provide better surroundings, he charges.

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THE FATHER has asked for permanent care and custody of the child, and for an order restraining the mother from removing or permitting anyone else to remove him from the jurisdiction of the Court.

No petition for divorce has been filed by either of the parties.

Welfare check cashings hit

ANNAPOLIS — Del. Elroy G. Boyer (D. Kent) is trying again with his pet bill, aimed at lowering the character of all welfare recipients in general.

He introduced HB 291 Tuesday, which would prohibit holders of alcoholic-beverage licenses from cashing welfare checks.

Co-sponsoring this new bill is Del. Carter M. Hickman (D. Queen Anne's).

Del. Boyer introduced the same bill on Feb. 24 at last year's assembly session. It died in the House's Alcoholic Beverages Committee.

This new bill is assigned to the same committee, now headed by Del. William Rush (D. Baltimore).

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Teen arrested in slaying of two brothers

Police have placed charges against a 19 - year - old man in the fatal tavern shooting of two brothers in East Baltimore a week and a half ago.

Jerome Blackmon, identified as an animal technician, of the 1200 block N. Bradford St. was ordered held for the grand jury without bail in Central Homicide Court.

He was arrested in the 900 block of Broadway the afternoon of Feb. 11, police said.

He was arraigned the next day.

FLOYD V. SHAW, 31, 1200 block N. Broadway and Coy C. Shaw, 23, 800 block N. Broadway, were pronounced dead when they reached Johns Hopkins Hospital after the Feb. 5 shooting.

Police said a barrage of shots felled the two brothers, who were accompanied to the cafe at Madison and Bond Sts. by two other brothers.

The shooting grew out of a dispute over a spilled bottle of beer and a demand for money for a dry cleaning bill, Eastern District police reported at the time.

Ticket stub fails to sway her or court; she gets divorce

Robert Dandridge had the stub to a ticket to prove that he had attended a wrestling match at Civic Center, but against his wife's eyes, it didn't mean a thing.

She divorced him on grounds of adultery, Monday.

MRS. HARRIET M. DANDRIDGE of 30 S. Abington Ave., a teacher, testified that she became suspicious of her husband when he began staying out until late hours at night.

Then, one evening, she said, she overheard her husband and a man friend talking in her bedroom. Mr Dandridge, she said was telling his friend of having taken a young woman to a night club in Washington.

She quoted him as saying "I sure had a good time, but you should have seen her . . . Her hair was a mess."

ON ANOTHER occasion, she said, her husband told her that he was going to see a wrestling match. This time, she said she and a girl friend followed him in the friend's car.

Her husband, she said, went to the Civic Center, where he met a young woman. She said she knew the woman because the latter had been to her home under the guise of a friend.

MR. DANDRIDGE, she continued, went up and bought a ticket, the young woman and he got into his car and went to an address in the 1100 block of Stricker St. She and her friend followed, she continued.

Her husband, she said, with the young woman, went into the house. That was between 8:30 and 9 p.m., the wife said.

They watched the house until between 12 and 12:30, she said, when Mr. Dandridge left.

The young woman came to the door with him, and kissed him goodbye, she said.

She testified that when she spoke to Mr. Dandridge he would never be serious, just joked the whole thing off.

He said that she had been seeing too many movies, that he had been to the Civic Center and had a stub to prove it.

Del. Epstein to move from 4th D.

Having already lost to the 5th District the residency of one of its elected officials, the 4th District will soon lose that of another to the same area.

Latest preparing to move

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Washer yields lottery slips, police charge

A lottery raid Thursday, led by Lt. George Andrews of the Racket Squad, led to the arrest of two persons in the 2000 block N. Bentalou St.

Charged were Mrs. Rachel Eaton, of the Bentalou St. address and Willie Foster, 27, 2700 block E. Preston St.

Plainclothes officers accompanied by a policewoman, went to the house armed with a search warrant signed by Supreme Bench Judge Joseph Byrnes.

Failing to get a response to knocking, they smashed the door in with a maul wielded by Lt. Andrews.

Search of the premises led to discovery of alleged lottery slips and dream books concealed in a basement washing machine.

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"THE SLIPS seized indicate a sizable operation —a possible turn - in station," Lt. Andrews told the AFRO.

"Several calls came in while we were there. The caller hung up immediately upon hearing our voice," he added.

Members of the raiding party reported the house has been under observation for the past few weeks.

The defendants were released on $1,000 bail. A hearing is set for 9 a.m. today (Friday).

Others in the raiding party included Sgts. Sterling Fletcher and Norman Woingust.

Morgan 'freshman' weighs 7 lbs., 10 oz.

A cheerful Union Memorial Hospital spokesman was giving the latest word on the condition of a seven-pound, 10-ounce Morgan State College freshman.

The baby boy made his campus appearance 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Harper House girls' dormitory.

Baby and mother, an Eastern Shore freshman coed, were rushed to Union Memorial Hospital by Municipal Ambulance No. 6, stationed at Markley Ave. and Harford Rd.

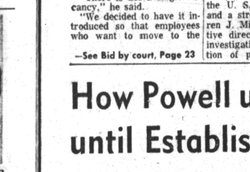
The coed, a history major, came to Morgan in September.

DR. MARTIN D. JENKINS, Morgan president, had "no comment" when queried about the new 'student.'

It could not be determined how the coed concealed her pregnancy since it is presumed that she was expected when she enrolled for the fall semester.

The 'freshmen' were still confined to Union Memorial at press time.

REV. THOMAS FRASER 3d



MRS. SHEILA FRASER

Cleric files for divorce

The Rev. Thomas P. Fraser 3rd., minister of Church, filed a petition for a divorce in Circuit Court No. 2, Tuesday.

In the petition, the clergyman said that he and Mrs. Fraser have voluntarily lived separately and apart for more than 18 months.

MRS. FRASER is the former Miss Sheila Chatman, a teacher in the Baltimore School System. She and the Rev. Mr. Fraser were married in a quiet ceremony on Sept. 16, 1961, several weeks after a formal church ceremony had been cancelled shortly before the wedding day.

They are parents of a three-year-old daughter.

Harry A. Cole is attorney for the Rev. Mr. Fraser.

WELFARE WORKERS stage 40-minute demonstration protesting salaries and case loads. Pickets marched line Wednesday while Welfare Advisory Board held meeting to consider union demands. (Staff Photo by Phillips)

75 welfare workers protest pay, cases

More than 75 city welfare workers, protesting salaries and case loads, staged a 40-minute demonstration, Wednesday, in front of the Welfare Department's headquarters at Greenmount Ave. and Oliver St.

Bernard Miller, president of the Baltimore City Social Service Union said the workers are asking a $1,000 across-the-board raises and fewer assigned cases.

Welfare workers, with signs reading "Balance the salary scale" and "unlimited case loads mean limited salaries" marched for 40-minutes outside the building and then assembled in a third floor corridor while the Welfare Advisory Board met to hear a spokesman for the union.

Miss Esther Lazarus, director of the welfare agency, said she had proposed a $500 across-the-board pay raise.

When asked about the case loads of welfare workers she said: "Our case loads are too high. This is especially true in areas of adult services."

Miller said that his union, though it hasn't rejected the $500 proposal, feels that a $1,000 pay raise would be "more in keeping with the salary scales of other large communities."

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AT THE Advisory Board meeting, from which newsmen were barred after making numerous requests for

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Apartment plans to City Council

A hearing will be held 1 P.M. Monday by the City Council Judiciary Committee to hear testimony on the proposed erection of moderate income apartments in the Bolton Hill section of Baltimore.

The Prince Hall Masons and the AME Church have acquired one of two parcels of land necessary for the development, but the plans have been opposed by a group of area residents.

Harry A. Cole, attorney, will represent Samuel T. Daniels, Grand Master of Maryland Masons and Mrs. Juanita Mitchell will represent Bishop George W. Barber of the AME Church.

Thomas gets promotion in sanitation bureau

(See Photo on Page 5)

Wesley Thomas, an employee of the Baltimore Sanitation Department for more than 28 years, was promoted to sanitation supervisor, Wednesday in the mayor's office.

Thomas, 50, lives at 2522 W. Lafayette Ave. He will supervise 10 trucks and 43 men in his new capacity.

Thomas, the father of five boys, said he felt he deserved the promotion. "I feel I'm merited it," he said. I've been working for it for 28 years. That's why I have been with the city for so long."

City sanitation engineer Edward Moore said he was confident that Thomas would do a good job in his new position.

"He has been doing an excellent job," Moore said; "he has been a willing and able worker."

Thomas is the second colored man to be promoted to the rank of supervisor in the sanitation department; six months ago Percy Willington was promoted to a supervisory job.

Thomas' new job carries a top salary of $6,880 per year. This figure represents an increase of $2,220 over his previous salary.

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City Beats St. Joe In Play-off Opener
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PUPIL'S DEATH SPARKS PROBE

Bid by court on residency seen sleeper

The deep - rooted feeling that county residents are taking unfair advantage of city dwellers came in for renewed and heated debate this week when House Bill No. 497 was introduced in the General Assembly.

H. B. 497, sponsored by Judges of the Baltimore Municipal Court and introduced by Dels. Marvin L. Mandel (D. 5th) and Murray Abramson, (D., 4th) Speaker of the House and chairman of the City Delegation, respectively, will lift residence restrictions on employees of the court.

Presently all employees of the Municipal Court system are compelled to live in the city, including the 16 judges.

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CHIEF JUDGE I. Sewell Lamdin said the judges are sponsoring the bill because the Municipal Court is a state agency and is the only such agency with residence restrictions.

"We feel that our agency should have the same requirements as other state agencies," Judge Lamdin told the AFRO.

He added that the bill is not politically inspired because the jobs are covered by the State Merit System and are no longer part of political patronage as they were when the city used the magistrate system.

Judge Lamdin also said the bill was not born of a need to find employees to staff the positions.

"There is not a single vacancy," he said.

"We decided to have it introduced so that employees who want to move to the

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'Operation Champ' CPA calls critical audit inaccurate, prejudiced

BY GEORGE W. COLLINS

"We are of the opinion that the recent audit report of Operation Champ is grossly inaccurate, inconsistent and reveals the incompetence and prejudice of the city auditor and his auditing staff."

Benjamin L. King, certified public accountant, and accountant of record for "Operation Champ," was replying to a blistering report issued earlier this week by City Auditors George W. Zentz and Michael A. Miller.

Messrs. Zentz and Miller compiled the highly critical report after auditing the accounts of "Operation Champ," an inner city project sponsored by the Community Action Agency.

Finding of the city auditors, released by City Comptroller Hyman A. Pressman, accused operators of the program of gross mismanagement, misappropriation of federal funds and stacking the payroll with unauthorized personnel.

In a lengthy and scathing reply, Mr. King, who took over the accounting machinery for the project more than a month after it began, said the auditors checked the account with the "intent to perform a fraud audit."

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MEANWHILE, other developments in the growing "Operation Champ" controversy saw the entrance of the U. S. District Attorney and a strong call from Parren J. Mitchell, CAC executive director for immediate investigation and prosecution of persons responsible for any violations

Thomas J. Kenny, U. S. District Attorney for Maryland told the AFRO late Thursday that the city auditor's report is being studied by his office and the FBI.

Purpose of the preliminary investigation, he said, is to determine if fraud was committed by persons involved in the program.

If fraud is discovered, the Federal prosecutor said, it must also be determined whether it was committed against the U. S. government or the poverty agency.

This, he added will determine whether his office will bring prosecutions against anyone involved.

Mr. Pressman, meanwhile, who turned the report over to the district attorney, said he was "shocked" by the disclosure, but said he will withhold further comment until results of the preliminary probe are disclosed.

Text of the preamble to the rebuttal by Mr. King follows:

"The intent of the city to perform a fraud audit was revealed to our firm only at the conclusion of the audit by the senior assistant city auditor (Mr. Miller).

"It is our belief that the intent of the audit was not only to discover fraud but to justify telephone calls, to the Police Department from disgruntled former employees of Operation Champ."

Upon being deprived of a basis for asserting fraud and/or embezzlement, the city auditors instituted other invalid and unsubstantiated grounds such as misappropri-

—See Operation, Page 20

'T minus 3 and counting' for teachers

"T minus three weeks and counting." "The Favorite Teacher Contest Editor borrowed that bit of space talk to emphasize the point that in exactly three weeks two of Baltimore's classroom guardians will fly to the "Land of Sun and Fun."

That colorful description belongs to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the two top winners in the Favorite Teachers Contest will spend an exciting Easter Vacation.

As pre-arranged by the Contest Editor, the winners will board a Jetliner Easter Sunday after picking up their round-trip flight tickets.

In San Juan they will find that hotel restrvations have also been arranged and they will have nothing to do but bask in the glories of the island sun.

Additionally the No. 1 winner will have $100 in cash to take care of incidentals and

—See Teachers, Page 2

Expose pattern of segregation in city schools

Despite claims of compliance with the Supreme Court decision of 1954 requiring desegregation of schools, Baltimore schools were exposed last week as having a continued segregated pattern.

The expose came in the report of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

In some cases the freedom-of-choice plan, used by Baltimore schools, has served to intensify rather than lessen segregation, the report said.

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THE REPORT lays the blame for the situation, which it says is hurtful to both colored and white children, at the door of the school administrators.

A favorite device used in Baltimore is that of "districting."

The report says on pages 63 and 69:

"The Board of Education in Baltimore provided that when a school was in danger of be-

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OH SO GOOD — Denise Mason, 4, gets first lick at ice-cream cone after undergoing series of seven operation after she accidentally swallowed lye. Miss Linda Ziegler, nursing supervisor in Union Memorial Hospital's pediatric department, lends able "assist" to youngster whose progress has pleased the hospital's staff.

Toughest period over for Denise

February 21 was a very special day for little Denise Mason, 4, a patient at Baltimore's Union Memorial Hospital.

And it was a special day for the doctors and nurses of the hospital who watched Denise as she enjoyed her first ice cream cone in many months.

Denise was admitted to Union Memorial Hospital in August of last year after she accidentally swallowed lye.

Since that day she has undergone seven operations to repair a severely damaged esophagus and to treat other complications.

A five-hour surgical procedure to replace her esophagus was performed by Union Memorial doctors on Feb. 6. A piece of her own colon was removed and used to replace the damaged esophagus.

Operations of this nature have been performed before, but this one was unique in that doctors made only one inscision.

The ice cream cone treat was a milestone for the young patient, and for the staff of the hospital, which is pleased with the progress the spunky little tot has made.

Girl carried to hospital from home

Homicide detectives have launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of a 15-year-old junior high school student who died Tuesday after being admitted to Provident Hospital.

A spokesman in the Medical Examiner's office told the AFRO Thursday there was no doubt the student died after a "criminal abortion."

Homicide detectives, working with officers from the abortion squad, had made no arrests in the case at AFRO press time.

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THE STUDENT'S mother told Northern District police that her daughter had been under treatment by a local physician for an infection.

She said she was given a prescription three weeks ago, police records show.

The mother told police that her daughter became ill Monday and complained of stomach pains.

At 4:30 Monday afternoon, the mother said, her daughter experienced a series of chills and was unresponsive when she attempted to administer aspirin.

She said she took her daughter to the emergency clinic of Provident Hospital where she died the following day.

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THE MOTHER said that Provident Hospital doctors told her, after a brief examination, that they believed her daughter had been pregnant.

Baltimore police were tight-lipped about the case but said the investigation was continuing.

How Powell used his power until Establishment took it

By GEORGE D. MARDER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Adam Clayton Powell has had it.

It no longer matters what additional punishment his colleagues in the House may have in store for the flamboyant Harlem Democrat.

What does matter is that Powell is no longer a member of the "establishment" in Congress, no longer a power on the national political scene.

To Powell that was important.

The controversial preacher-politician was a man who fitted snugly into a seat of power in the House. He was perhaps more colorful than most; somewhat more tyrannical than many.

But he recognized power, knew its uses, loved using it.

That was why, when he applied himself, Powell was able to make his House Education and Labor Committee move — despite his flamboyance, his tyranny, his temperament, and the fact he was a colored man riding herd on whites, some of them sensitive to color.

His role in Congress was not that of a civil rights leader. Some colored may have looked upon him that way, but it was a distortion of the part he played.

POWELL WAS in the long tradition of congressional committee chairmen who wielded power effectively on Capitol Hill. He knew how to appear to strip one bill in order to push another; how to

ADAM C. POWELL

play one pressure group off against another; how to use the means available to a committee chairman — and they are many — to accomplish his ends.

Beyond the Civil Rights Act of 1964 the "Powell Amendment" became a byword in the House. Time after time he attempted to tack an amendment prohibiting use of federal funds for segregated facilities on various bills.

Time after time he was defeated, but usually not before significant concessions had been made in other areas.

At times he was a maverick and defied the establishment. He maneuvered Speaker John W. McCormack into a tug-of-war over scheduling legislation. He scored some points, lost others and frequently, he argued the establishment to the point where it seemed he could never be part of it.

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BUT THAT was mostly for show. As a potent committee chairman, he was in fact, a member in good standing, consulted on legislation, helped set the timetable, called upon by the White

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Powell offered 'rookie' status

WASHINGTON

After a special investigating committee announced the harsh terms under which Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N Y) could keep his seat, the big question in Washington was, "will he accept?"

Some speculated Powell might resign rather than give up a portion of his salary to pay back public funds which the committee says he diverted to his personal use.

C. Sumner Stone, former aide to Powell, declined to express his opinion because it would be "premature" at the time.

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FRANK REEVES, one of Congressman Powell's attorneys, said that since there were several attorneys involved in pleading the case, there had been a mutual agreement not to issue any separate statements to the press.

He had no comment about

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More liberal thinking seen in city's 6th D.

ANNAPOLIS — Sen. Harry J. McGuirk (D. 6th Balto.), who represents an area where its lawmakers traditionally have been against all civil rights legislation, said Tuesday a possible change might be in sight.

He said the district's majority white citizens "are mellowing" toward a more liberal point of view.

The 6th District covers the heavily populated Cherry Hill area, where its residents have been staging a fight for liberal legislation for years.

Heretofore, there have been little evidences of such a break-through.

Sen. McGuirk said he did not think there now remains in his district too much opposition to open housing legislation, with certain provisions.

His constituents, he said, would want no coverage of the sale of private homes and possibly exemptions of apartments raised to dwellings with about eight units.

Two identical housing bills now before the Assembly exempt dwellings of less than five apartments, but cover the sale of private homes unless the owner stipulates the service in writing to the selling agent.

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SEN. McGUIRK, a veteran lawmaker in his district, raised some eyebrows here some days ago, when he voted for a bill to repeal the state's ban on interracial marriages.

"I look on a person's right to marry whom he pleases as a sacred right," he explained later, "just as I see that of a man to sell his home to whom he pleases."

Sen. McGuirk does not see at this time, however, the white constituents of his district favoring a broader public accommodations law to cover taverns.

Such bills are also before the assembly.

Brooke to make first D.C. talk

WASHINGTON

Sen. Edward Brooke (R., Mass.) will make his first public speech in Washington on March 22 at a testimonial banquet in honor of Wesley Williams, former president of the Board of Education and Col. West A. Hamilton, a member of the school-board for over 20 years.

The Senator, a native of Washington, will talk at the Sheraton Park Hotel before an expected gathering of over 3,000 people.

Robert H. Campbell, chairman of the testimonial committee, made the announcement on behalf of the two sponsoring groups, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Masonic Hall Association.

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Job precedent set at 'Point

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation announced here this week the promotion of Marcus R. Stokes of 3606 Wabash Ave., to foreman in the company's mould yard.

Though a spokesman for the company said it does have other colored foremen Stokes is the first colored employee to hold this specific job.

A native of Victoria, Va., and a graduate of Douglass High School, Stokes has been an employee of the plant at Sparrows Point since 1948.

AFTER AN investigation last fall by the U.S. Labor Department into the hiring and promotion practices at the plant, Bethlehem Steel was ordered to end racial discrimination in employment.

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

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CORE HAS charged among other things that only 1 of 50 foremen in the cran-loading department were colored although all of the 200 workers in that department were colored.

At this time no colored

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Identify suspect in teen slaying

The trial for teenaged suspects in connection with the May 21 murder of one Edmondson High School senior and the brutal beating of another came to an unexpected end in Criminal Court Tuesday.

Judge James K. Cullen declared a mistrial but kept the case on the docket for March 27.

Before the court was Jerry Blackwell, 18, 1300 block Myrtle Ave., charged with murder of Gregory McDowell, 17-year-old Edmondson senior.

Blackwell is also charged with assault with intent to murder Thomas Weaver, 17, Cherry Hill, who was graduated from Edmondson in June.

The bodies of Blackwell and Weaver were found in unconscious condition in the 4000 block Spruce Dr. after a party May 21.

Also on trial and charged with assault with intent to murder young Weaver are Robert Blagmond, 19, 2400 block Shirley Ave.; Ernest Jones, 18, 3900 block Park Heights Ave.; Jerome Leroy Moore, 18, 4100 block Pimlico Rd.

The mistrial was declared

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Baltimore Slums: Genesis

By MICHAEL DAVIS

"Slum" is a good old-fashioned word that has meaning to most Americans. Other words have been used to define different kinds of poor areas — "blighted areas," "low income areas," "lower class neighborhoods," but the word "slum" is the word which most graphically depicts the cancer that is spreading throughout a nation, known as one of the most affluent in the world.

A city that is not making energetic and effective services against slums is in danger of losing the essential characteristics of the city itself.

Baltimore, at one time one of the most prosperous cities in the United States is no exception.

Once famous for its neat row houses, white stone steps and painted screens, Baltimore has been losing its war on slums.

But slums don't just happen.

Like most other social problems, slums are the direct or indirect result of inaction.

During the second World War, Baltimore's war industries brought a high economic standard to the area.

Whites and non-whites, with limited skills and little education manned the defense plants tooled for war. Pay days came often. And pay checks were large.

After the war, as the defense plants closed, the nation reverted to a society of peace, unskilled workers and those with limited education were forced to find new employment.

No longer enjoying the rewards of a war-time economy, workers, a large percentage of them colored, were forced to seek cheap housing

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