Teen-agers out after 'curfew hour' tell AFRO it might do some good

Baltimore teen-agers faced with the prospect of having to comply with a new curfew ordinance under consideration by the City Council, didn't seem to have any serious objections to it when polled by an AFRO reporter this week on a night swing after curfew here.

Most felt the measure was good and would help keep teenagers "out of trouble."

Ray Sharp and his brother, David, of 1313 N. Fremont Ave., said though they are seldom out late at night, they felt the curfew was needed.

Harry Epps, 15, of 640 W. Saratoga St., felt that the proposed 10:30 p.m. deadline was too early. There's nothing to do at home, he said. "I think the curfew is unnecessary."

His mother, Mrs. Fannie Epps didn't agree. "I think it's a wonderful idea," she told the AFRO.

Two Baltimore police officers expressed interest in the bill, "but," one volunteered, "I'll have to see it in action first."

Earl Lyles of the 600 block of Smithson St. said he hoped the council would act favorably on the bill. "It'll keep a lot of teenagers out of trouble," he said.

The curfew, proposed by City Council President Thomas J. D'Alesandro III would keep youths under the age of 17 off Baltimore city streets between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. weekdays and midnight to 6 a.m. weekends.

Earlier this week D'Alesandro modified his proposal to extend the curfew hours during the summer months.

John G. Williams, director of the city depaaaaaaaaaaa that he was in favor of the proposed curfew but doubted that city officials could enforce it effectively.

Williams said he would question whether or not Baltimore's undermanned police force could enforce the regulation.

He pointed out that Philadelphia, where no police shortage exist, has had difficulty enforcing a similar curfew law.

HAROLD SMITH, director of the recreational department's Street Club program which is aimed at curbing delinquency, said he feels the curfew would benefit some people but that it would also represent a "double standard in the method in which adults treat teenagers.

"It would give legal support to parents who have trouble controlling their children," he said, "but at the same time it would focus attention on teen-agers when most of the crimes are committed by adults."

The Philadelphia ordrance, which has been in effect since 1956 has been termed "effective" by officials of that city's police department.

Lt. Frank Voll, of Philadelphia's Juvenile Squad, told the AFRO offenses committed by minors have decreased 18 per cent over last year's figure.

Lt. Voll said that parents and teen-agers have cooperated with the law. "Parents now have the authority," he said, "to tell youngsters what time to be home and mean it," he told the AFRO.

THE PHILADELPHIA law is similiar in many respects to the one proposed here. But Philadelphia's judicial system differs from Baltimore's and might make a difference in regards to enforcement in the two cities.

When a patrolman discovers a youngster out after curfew he simply takes the name and address of the offender.

The ifnromations is pacel in an administrative, non-criminal file and the offender's parents are notified but not ordered to court.

If the youth breaks the curfew a second time within one year his parents are required to go the Municipal Court.

Offenders are not put into jail when the court hearing is held, and it is not a criminal procedure.

The parents of a second offender are liable however, fr a fime of from $5 to $100.

When a youth reaches the age of 18 and is no longer considered a juvenile the curfew violations is destroyed.

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Cuba told will not win ice cream 'flavor race'

BURBANK, Calif. (UPI) — Baskin - Robbins Ice Cream Co. defended the honor of the American ice cream business Tuesday when Fidel Castro boasted that Communist Cuba soon would be able to produce more flavors than the United States.

"When Fidel Castro hit New York City with a flock of chickens, that was the mayor's problem; and when he tried to install missiles in Cuba, that was the President's problem. However, Castro challenges the honor of the ice cream industry in America, that's Baskin-Robbins' business," said a spokesman for the 31 store organization.

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THE FIRM said it "would like to ask Mr. Castro what the big deal is about thinking up 42 flavors."

Baskin-Robbins said it currently has 131 flavors. One year from now, the company said, it will have 231 flavors.

Moreover, said the Baskin-Robbins spokesman, Castro's Cuba won't be in the "flavor race" for the next three years "and by that time, Baskin-Robbins will be way ahead with over 500 flavors."

Afro staffers attending Md.-Del. Press meeting

AFRO Editor-in-chief C. W. Mackay, managing editor Art Carter are among newsmen attending the three-day midwinter meeting of the Md.-Del. Press Association. The sessions opened Thursday at the Sheraton-Belvedere, and will continue through Saturday.

Other AFRO staffers in attendance are City Editor George Collins, Sam Lacy, sports editor; Mrs. Lula Mackay, woman's editor; and Mrs. Ida Smith, advertising representative.

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LEAVING COURTHOUSE Tuesday, after the trial came to an abrupt end are Thomas S. Weaver Jr., Ass. States Att. Raymond M. Faby, prosecutor and the 18-year-old leading witness' father, Thomas S. Weaver Sr., a Baltimore City employee.

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Health careers Tuesday topic at hospital

Job opportunities in the hospital and health field will be described in detail to Department of Education high school counselors at a "Careers Day" on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore.

Sponsored by the Committee on Health Careers Development of the Hospital Council of Maryland, the day—third of a series—will include presentations about administrative, unit manager, accredited records technician and ward clerk positions.

Speakers will include Dr. Herbert J. Stern, director of guidance and placement for the Department of Education; Mrs. Christine J. Moore, the department's specialist in secondary guidance; Dr. Arnold B. Kurlander, executive director of Sinai Hospital, and Gilbert A. Sanford, associate for research and planning, Hospital Council.

Career presentations will be made by Lee D. Keene, assistant director, Church Home and Hospital; Jules M. Hinkes, associate director, Sinai; Miss Louise Clark, R.N., nursing consultant for the new Franklin Square Hospital; Mrs. Doris H. Reese, R.N., director of nurses, Provident Hospital; Mrs. Juanita Brown, ward clerk, Sinai, and Miss Barbara Campbell, ward clerk, Provident.

Pomerleau to talk at Southwestern meet

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau will be present at the meeting of the Southwestern Police Community Relations Council on Tuesday, Feb. 28 to discuss with members of the Council future plans for the Baltimore City Police Department, and how citizens can help officers enforce the law.

To reach more people, the Council holds its monthly meetings in different sections of the Southwestern District.

The meeting on Feb. 28 will be at Central Summerfield Methodist Church, Wildwood Pkwy. and Gelston Dr. at 8 p.m.

'Veronica's Veil' has 3 more dates

"Veronica's Veil," which has played at St. Joseph's Monastery Auditorium, Frederick Ave. and Morley St., since the beginning of Lent, has only three more performances.

The Lenten Play will be presented each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., March 5, March 12 and March 19.

No stopping in S. Africa

WASHINGTON (UPI)—U.S U.S. warships are not expected to use South African ports "in the foreseeable future," according to the State Department.

Two U.S. vessels recently were involved in disputes over African racial laws.

The carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt cancelled shore leave during a stop at Capetown, and the missile-tracking ship Sword Knot spent a week off the port and then was diverted to Mombasa, Kenya.

In answer to questions about future U.S. policy, the State Department quoted the Defense Department Tuesday that "barring unforeseen emergencies, we do not in the foreseeable future, see any requirement for U.S. naval warsh.ps are not expected to warships, to use such facilities."

F-L-A-S-H Train wrecks kills 2, hurts 25

TOLLGATE, W. Va. — The B and O Railroad's "National Limited," due to arrive in Cincinnati at 7:40 a.m. today, has been delayed.

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The passenger train of four diesel units and five cars, was derailed near here today, reportedly killing at least two passengers and injuring several others.

B and O spokesmen at the railroad's general offices in Baltimore also reported that "a number of passengers were injured."

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Cause of the accident has not been determined, but railroad officials said only one train was involved.

WEATHER conditions were reported as being snowy at the time of the accident.

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Reports from the scene said part of the train was derailed, and that two persons were killed and as many as 25 injured.

The "National Limited" left Washington at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The scene of the accident was estimated by officials to be 309 miles from the Nation's Capital.

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The dead and injured had not been identified at noon today, officials reported.

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AFRO SPORTS

CLAY IN WINGS?

Frazier remains unbeaten But admits he's 'not ready'

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Unbeaten heavyweight Joe Frazier was "not ready yet" to challenge champion Cassius Clay for the title, despite his impressive sixth-round knockout of Doug Jones Tuesday night.

The Olympic Gold Medal winner, who scored his 13th knockout in 14 professional fights, said that although many thought the kayo of Jones had vaulted him into the forefront among the challengers, it proved only to himself that he still has much to learn.

"It showed me the value of experience," he said in his dressing room. "I learned a lot tonight. And I guess I still have a lot to learn."

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FRAZIER, who weighed in at 205, explained that he should have put the 188-pound Jones away earlier.

"I kept punching inside," he said. "I was landing but it didn't have the right effect. Then after the fifth round, my trainer told me to pull back before I throw the big punch."

FRAZIER did just that in the sixth round. He stepped back away from Jones and threw a terrific left hook. It caught Jones flush on the chin. The look of surprise on Jones' face as the blow landed turned to a glassy stare.

The New Yorker pitched sideward along the ropes, then dropped on his back on the canvas as he was counted out at 2:28.

His handlers had to carry Jones to his stool and they spent nearly five minutes restoring him to consciousness.

JOE FRAZIER

"I was satisfied with the way the bout went except for that one mistake," Frazier said. "I should have pulled back sooner and the fight would have ended sooner."

HIS TRAINER, Yank Dorham, was more emphatic that Frazier wasn't ready for Clay.

"Clay is in college and my Dorham said. "When my boy boy is only in high school," graduates to college and we feel that he can beat Clay we will pick the fight. We won't let Clay pick us for the fight until we're ready."

Dorham denied reports that Frazier was planning a fight in Japan.

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JONES said Frazier compared more than favorably with Clay at the same point in their careers.

"With 18 months experience, Frazier may be even better than Clay was after 18 months and 14 fights," Jones said. "Frazier hits a little bit harder than Clay and he throws more punches."

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Test with Bears Friday vital to AHL Clippers'

Baltimore Clippers general manager and coach, Terry Reardon, has labelled tonight's (Friday) game with the Hershey Bears here at the Baltimore Civic Center as "probably our most important game of the entire season."

And, it very well could turn out that way as these two arch-rivals continue their Expressway series tonight in the Civic Center at 8 p.m.

Hershey has been leading the AHL's eastern division for the past three months or most of the 1966-67 campaign. But the Bears have only won 2 of their last eight outings and now find themselves just 9 points up on the second place Clippers. In turn, the Clips hold a slim edge on third place Quebec and are just 6 points in front of challenging Springfield in fourth place.

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TWO WEEKS ago the Clippers beat the Bears here in a pulsating 5-3 contest for their second win in six meetings this winter with Hershey. During the month of February, the Clippers are unbeaten at home in six tries with four wins and two ties. Their latest outing locally was an 8-2 rout over Buffalo this past Tuesday, as seven different players figured in the scoring.

With a two week road trip coming up in early March, Reardon explains that tonight's test with Hershey is vital from every angle. We need this one badly to further our playoff hopes."

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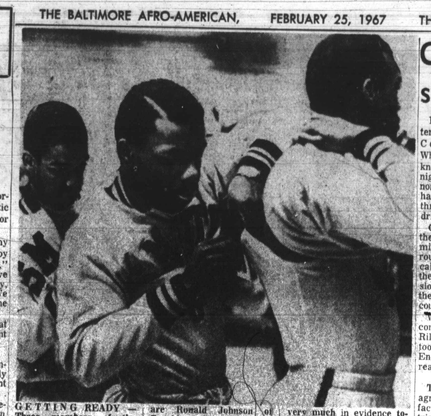
Bullets slate 2nd kids' game

The second in the Baltimore Bullets Kids' Days series, sponsored by the Equitable Trust Company, will be played Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Baltimore Civic Center.

At the Kids' Days games, all youngsters 15 years and under are admitted free of charge as Equitable Trust guests if they are accompanied by an adult who purchases a ticket.

Badges identifying youngsters as Bullets Boosters and complete information for chaperone authorization are available.

During the first game in the series, more than 500 young Bullets Boosters were entertained.


GETTING READY — Three members of the Johnson C. Smith University relay foursome celebrate in ritual of pinning numbers to jerseys of teammates. Left to right are Ronald Johnson of Brooklyn, Fred Wilson of Queens, N.Y., and John Miles of Gary, Ind. Fourth and anchor runner, Vince Matthews, was absent at time of photo but will be very much in evidence tomorrow (Saturday) night as the Golden Bulls tangle with classy Maryland State College quartet in college mile feature of All-Eastern Indoor track meet at Civic Center.

IN ALL-EASTERN:

Reunited Maryland State quartet in Smith rematch

By SAM LACY

BALTIMORE

The crack Maryland State College mile relay foursome, reunited by Wednesday's edict by the Amateur Athletic Union, will have a two-fold objective when it takes the mark in the collegiate mile feature tomorrow (Saturday) night in the All-Eastern indoor championships.

Aside from running at the 3:17.8 record set by Southern University two years ago, coach Cliff Anderson's speedy Hawks are bent on putting an upstart Johnson C. Smith University quartet in what the Marylanders call "its place."

In two previous meetings on the boards this winter, Smith beat Maryland State at the Philadelphia Inquirer Games but the Hawks turned the tables in the Millrose Games at New York.

The annual All-Eastern event gets under way at 7:30 p.m., at Civic Center, with meet director Fred Leidig anticipating the largest crowd in the history of the affair.

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ON WEDNESDAY, the AAU resignded a recent order suspending two Maryland State College aces, Carver King and Benedict Cayenne. The young Jamaicans had been placed under ban, along with several other foreign born athletes, for having competed in the United States Track and Field Federation meet two weeks ago.

King and Cayenne ran two legs on the Hawk foursome which captured the USTFF relay title, and were placed on the AAU blacklist immediately afterward.

The latter contended that the meet was refused sanction by the AAU, which professes to be the governing body in amateur athletics, and it wasn't until threats by Congress to step into the disputed that the suspensions were lifted.

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THE RETURN of King and Cayenne to the Eastern Shoreunit completes Anderson's regular alignment. Johnny Walker, who had been out with a leg injury, was back in the fold last week.

As a result, the Maryland mentor has his choice of two top units from which to pick. He may run with Walker, Al Grimes, Harley Morris and Cayenne, or he may substitute handyman King for Walker and go with the foursome that took the Federation title.

Smith, meanwhile, is expected to rely on the improving quartet of Ron Johnson, Fred Wilson, Johnny Miles and Vice Matthews, the latter a sensational sophomore quarter-miler from the Bronx who has been more impressive with each race on boards.

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ALTHOUGH THE pre-meet emphasis has been on the pole vault and the distance events, speed is sure to play a big role in the spectator appeal.

And while collegiate eyes are certain to be focused on the race involving Maryland, Smith, University of Maryland and Penn State, coach Bill Jimeson and his Baltimore Olympic Club figures to supply some major thrills.

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AN ALL STAR BOC lineup of Ed Skinner, Nick Lee, Kent Bernard and Ed Roberts — all former collegiate greats — should have the mile relay mark at its mercy.

These are probably the four finest quarter-milers in the East at the moment and a clocking of 3:14 or better is not out of reach. Opposing the classy BOC foursome will be the Philadelphia Pioneers with Olympian Paul Drayton, and the New York athletic Club, anchored by world record holder Tommy Farrell.

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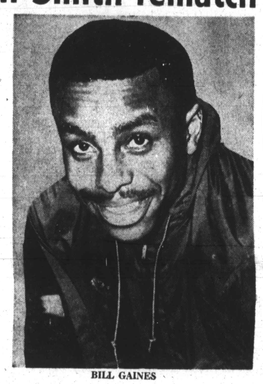
ALSO LIKELY to attract the spectators is the sprint feature, in which Bill Gaines of Mullica Hills, N.J., seeks to defend his 1966 title against the likes of John Moon, a U.S. Army Olympian; Jim Stewart of the Quantico Marine, Fred Hunter, Morgan State College's latest find, and Carl Plaskett, a speedball from the Virgin slands.

Gaines, a high school junior, set the meet record here last year, breaking the tape in 6 seconds flat, one-tenth off the world indoor mark.


BILL GAINES

New cage loop seeks to lure Bullets' star

Gus Johnson, generally looked upon as one of the chief mainstays of the Baltimore Bullets, reports that he has received an attractive offer from the new American Basketball Association.

Johnson revealed Thursday that no fewer than three men representing themselves as agents for the new pro cage league have approached him "talking big money."

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JOHNSON admitted that he would consider the offer but he felt his two-year contract with the Bullets, which binds him for next season, leaves him in a bad bargaining position.

"If they'd put $50,000 in the bank for me," he said, however, "then I'd have to think about going over there even though I've got another year left on my contract."

The new league, which hopes to begin play next season with ten teams and 100 players, claims it won't raid the National Basketball Association teams.

It is believed, though, that some of the big stars of the NBA have already signed with the new league and others will.

Cokes' hardest uppercut' stops Whitfield in 3rd

DALLAS (UPI) — Welterweight champion Curtis Cokes said Boston's Ted Whitfield became his 28th knockout victim in Monday night's scheduled 10-round non title bout with "one of the hardest uppercuts I've thrown since the (Luis) Rodriguez fight."

Cokes felled Whitfield with the right hand smash just a minute deep in the third round and referee Pat Riley ended it a knockout at 1:12 of the round when Whitfield was slow in getting off all four the timekeeper tolled the count.

Whitfield and his corner complained bitterly that Riley had stopped the fight too soon and that the New Englander was not hurt and ready to go.

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TRAINER JOHNNY DUNN agreed, however, that the fact it was Whitfield's first trip ever to the canvas in a 26-3 pro career was mainly responsible for the unexpected ending.

"He was inexperienced and didn't realize that he should have been up on his feet at the end of the mandatory eight count," Dunn said. "He waited just a little long, although I think he was up at the count of ten."

Whitfield said himself he "wasn't hurt."

"I was dazed at first, but I heard the referee at the count of four, and I started to get up then. When he stopped the fight I was stunned. I thought I was fixing to wipe my gloves."

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COKES, WHO weighed 148 to Whitfield's 147½, was not perturbed by the finish that brought boos from a crowd of 5,000.

"I hit him real good," Cokes said. "He looked as if he could have gotten up and fought some more, but he wouldn't have been effective. It just saved me a little work."

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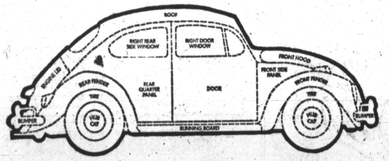
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