Hassle over sewage plant is continuing

Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, president of the Maryland chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, charged at Annapolis this week, that the large sewage treatment plant which Anne Arundel County wants to build on the Broadneck peninsula would be "ruinous" to Sandy Point State Park.

Mrs. Mitchell spoke at a hearing of the zoning board at which the government is seeking approval for the construction of the $2,700,000 plant.

Mrs. Mitchell said that since a similar proposal in 1964 there has been "continuing opposition by the Forest and Park boards to the proposed site.

Residents of Sandy Point and the NAACP are fighting the proposed plant project, which would serve the $6.7 million sewage system for the Greater Severna area and Broadneck Peninusla.

Mrs. Mitchell's objection to the plant were answered by Mrs. Marion J. McCoy, County Planning Officer, who said that the plant is "needed in the interest and welfare of the residents in the area."

Morgan State appointments

The Board of Trustees of Morgan State College on Thursday approved these faculty and staff actions:

Faculty Appointments

Neville G. Bembridge, Substitute Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Business.

Faculty Leave

Dr. Gladyce Bradley, Professor, Department of Education, sabbatical leave, Sept. 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968.

Cleveland Chandler, leave without pay to participate in a Federal project.

Clerical Appointments

Miss Jacquelyn Lockhart, Clerk Typist I

Miss Peggy L. Jones, Stenographer

Orlando B. Pino, Principal Account Clerk I

Mrs. Joyce McNair, Stenographer

Miss Alice E. Garrison, Clerk Typist II

Miss Latanya R. Rice, Clerk I

Clerical Resignations

Miss Alverta B. Watkins, Stenographer I

Maintenance Appointments

Thomas A. Spence, Food Service Worker

Luther R. Smith, Watchman II

Maintenance Resignations

Charles Stallworth, Food Service Worker

Clarence E. Chester, Food Service Worker

Maurice H. Moore, Cook I. Leave of Absence, Military duty.

Agnew dinner set tonight

A testimonial dinner honoring Maryland's new Gov. Spiro T. Agnew will be held at Blue Crest North in Pikesville this evening (Friday).

The affair gets underway with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., with dinner following at 8 o'clock.

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NEW PRESIDENT — Dr. Samuel Lloyd Myers, who is expected to be named president today of Bowie State College is shown relaxing at home with his family (from left) daughters Misses Tuma R. and Yvette M.; wife, Mrs. Marion R. Myers. To his right are niece, Miss Carolyn Costa; son, Samuel L. Jr., and mother-in-law Mrs. Eva Rieras. At right the educator is busy at work as an advisor, Regional Integration and Trade, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, U.S. Department of State, a post he has held since 1963.

DIVORCE COURT:

Mrs. Mitchell given divorce, child aid

In addition to being divorced by Mrs. Shirley Mitchell, Kenneth O. Mitchell of 426 Stricker St. must provide $36 per week for the support of their three children.

Mrs. Mitchell, who declined alimony for herself, asked for and received custody of the children.

She testified that she and Mr. Mitchell were married on June 27, 1953 and lived together until Nov. 1965. Her husband, she said, left at that time and moved into the Stricker St. address with Miss Catherine Carr.

She said that she and her sister, Mrs. Patricia Carson, had visited the Stricker St. address and Mr. Mitchell and Miss Carr admitted to living together.

Moreover, said the wife, upon one occasion when she phoned to inquire about support for the children, the lady had called "Hon, your wife is calling."

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MRS. BARBARA L. McKINLEY of 1683 Darley Ave., said that she was compelled to leave Richard T. McKinley, because he threatened her life.

Married on May 31, 1965, the wife said the union lasted only five months.

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A DIVORCE also went to Mrs. Maggie Stith of 1816 N. Dukeland St. from Carl Stith of 1020 N. Gilmor St.

Mrs. Stith testified that she and R. M. Stith, married on July 22, 1934, agreed to end the marriage on June 12, 1949.

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ALSO obtaining a divorce on grounds of voluntary separation was John Peak of 742 Edgewood St., from Mrs. Doris Peak of 2610 W. Fairmount Ave.

The couple, parents of two daughters, one of whom was adopted, was married on June 20, 1954 and ended the union on Sept. 29, 1964. Mr. Peak said that he and Mrs. Peak couldn't get along and thought it best for the children to separate.

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MRS. SHIRLEY COLE of 527 N. Longwood St. had her maiden name, Shirley Hickson, restored when she divorced Richard Cole, last week.

She and Mr. Cole, whose address was given as 2618 Longwood St., were married on August 11, 1959 and voluntarily separated 15 months la-

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'Peggy Did' is latest by Syng McGowan

By ADAH K. JENKINS

A disc that should be of interest to Baltimoreans is the popular "Peggy Did" that pulls at your heart strings, sung by Syng McGowan, with the rest of the "Wayward Sons" — Joe Sherman and George David Weiss.

On the flip he joins with Quarles and Sandler in "That's What I Want." It might be a big favorite with the teen-age trade.

Both arrangements are by Tommy Raye, who set up the recording sessions in New York. While the rehearsals were taking place, his brother was killed in Vietnam.

Both ballet and swing are well recorded and clear. "Peggy Did" is a ballad written by Sherman and Weiss for the late Nat King Cole who died before he recorded it.

"That's What I Want" was composed by McGowan and Quarles, his former cellmate, with whom he wrote more than 450 compositions.

A percentage of the proceeds of the records sales will be contributed to the Robert Lindner Foundation, an organization which encourages inmates in penal institutions in this country and Canada in music, art, literature and science.

The recording is a project of Hope Enterprises, 5521 Bland Avenue, Baltimore 21215 and was produced by Mrs. Belle Flowers, who has helped organize the group, of which Mr. MacGowan is vice president.

Mrs. Flowers, who is also known as Mrs. Betty S. Fedman, is president.

The Hope Enterprises label on the disc was designed in the Maryland State colors, orange and black by Chuck Gray, of the AFRO AMERICAN staff.

Much interest has been aroused by these endeavors on behalf of former inmates of the Maryland Penitentiary, including a congratulatory letter from former governor, J. Millard Tawes.

Scholar, diplomat, seen 4th president of Bowie

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

A quiet, almost bashful educator who has a flair for international politics, will become the fourth president of Bowie State College, according to persistent speculation.

He is Dr. Samuel Lloyd Myers, a 47-year-old native Baltimorean who is currently an advisor to the U.S. State Department.

Speculation both on the campus of the Prince Georges County School and in Baltimore points to Dr. Myers as successor to Dr. William E. Henry who will end his 25-year reign next Aug. 31.

An announcement to this effect is expected to be issued soon by the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges, it has been rumored.

The reported new head of the school with an enrollment of 506 students lives at 2219 Windsor Ave., a short distance from his boyhood neighborhood in the 1000 block Stricker St.

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SINCE 1963 Dr. Myers has been an advisor in the Division of Regional Integration and Trade, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, for the State Department.

Dr. Myers, the epitome of the "scholarly type," is a former professor at Morgan State College from which he took a A.B. degree in Social Science in 1940.

The son of natives of Jamaica, British West Indies, Mr. and Mrs. David E. Myers (Edith A.), Dr. Myers earned a master's degree from Boston University and took his doctorate in economics from Harvard University in 1949 and did post-doctoral study at University of Pennsylvania as a Ford Foundation Faculty Fellow.

He also attended the Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State, studying Spanish language.

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IN TAKING over the reins of leadership at the highly integrated (nearly 50 per cent) institution, Dr. Myers is expected to institute what is considered a modern philosophy on higher education.

The administration of Dr. Henry was often a target of criticisms from both students and faculty members — some openly and others concealed — for its lack of aggressive planning and execution.

Student complaints against inadequate and run-down facilities flared into a protest demonstration last year and which brought members of the Board of Trustees to the campus.

While the board officially declined to admit it, the demonstration and other incidents of campus unrest contributed to the retirement of Dr. Henry, it has been learned.

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DR. MYERS declined to discuss his plans for the 59-year-old state school, pointing out that it would be improper to do so while he was only one of several candidates under consideration.

The going educator is married to the former Miss Marion Rieras, a graduate of Xavier University, New Orleans, La., and a teacher in Baltimore public schools.

They are parents of three children, two girls and a boy.

One daughter, Miss Yvette M. Myers is a Morgan graduate and a graduate student at Columbia University.

Another, Miss Tama R. Myers, is a junior at Morgan, and Samuel L. Jr. is a City College senior.

Dr. and Mrs. Myers are also guardians of two nieces, children of Mrs. Myers' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Reynold M. Costa (Faye) both of whom died recently.

The nieces are Misses Jacquelyn Costa, senior at Boston University and Carolyn, a Morgan sophomore.

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WHEN AN interviewer visited their tastefully appointed home recently on the periphery of the Douglass High School athletic field, Dr. Myers was relaxing with his wife, child, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Eva Rieras of New Orleans, La.

He politely evaded any reference to the presidency of Bowie, but grudgingly conceded he does qualify as "somewhat of a scholar."

The college president to be said he spent his boyhood in what is known as "Sandtown, but diplomatically avoided any connection with the two neighborhood gangs of that day. "The Sandtowners" and "World Gang."

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Johnny Brown stalls chamber visit 7th time

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Johnny Brown, 51, the short order cook convicted of murdering a Salisbury, Md. policeman in 1958 has been on death row at the Penitentiary nearly 10 years.

On Thursday, he took an appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit.

The latest legal move followed the Tuesday action of the Federal District Court here that refused him a chance to become re-indicted and tried again under the recent Maryland "belief-in-God" decision.

Also denied relief from death sentences were four other men sentenced to pay the supreme penalty for el-

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Supreme Court orders review in Giles case

The U.S. Supreme Court handed down an order this week for the Maryland Court of Appeals to reopen the case of the Giles brothers, convicted of raping a 16-year-old white girl in Montgomery County.

The high court ruled that evidence not brought out at the trial on the girl's background and alleged promiscuity raises an issue "of sufficient substance to justify remanding the case for reconsideration."

The evidence principally concerns the reputation of the girl, her previous brushes with the law, her mental condition, an attempted suicide.

The Giles-Johnson Defense Committee aiding the court fight argued an all-white jury had found the young men guilty because they believed the girl's testimony against the defendants.

"The result was a foregone conclusion," the committee stated, claiming the Giles brothers are innocent victims of a monstrous miscarriage of justice.

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THE SUPREME COURT opinion was written by Justice William J. Brennan Jr. and joined by Chief Justice Earl Warren and Justice William O. Douglas.

The brothers, James V., 24, and John G., 26 Giles, formerly of Spencerville, are now serving a life sentence in the Penitentiary. The death sentence originally imposed by the Montgomery County court was reduced to life by former Gov. J. Millard Tawes.

Also serving life in the same rape case is Joseph Johnson whose appeal is being help up pending the Giles brothers' outcome. Johnson was tried separately in Anne Arundel County.

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AN EXCERP from the Supreme Court document says in sending back the case it hopes the state courts will

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AMEs, Masons fight to get renewal site

The proposed construction of two middle income apartments in the Bolton Hill section of Baltimore, by the Prince Hall Masons and the African Methodist Episcopal Church, met with opposition this week from a group of Bolton Hill residents.

Harry Haiger, a spokesman for the Bolton Hill Improvement Association, charged that the construction of the apartments would "create an obstacle which would block Bolton Hill's expansion across North Avenue."

Representatives for the AME Church and the Prince Hall Masons countered that the development would actually serve as a "'safety value' whereby families displaced by the Madison Park Urban Renewal plan would not overcrowd the project in the Druid Lake area.

These arguments were heard by the City Council's Judiciary Committee at a special session.

The bill discussed before the committee would increase the area at the corner of Eutaw Place and North Avenue which has been designated for residential use.

The proposed apartments would provide 320 units of housing for families with incomes ranging from $4,400 to $8,000 a year.

ADA backs mayor on housing bill

The Baltimore chapter of the Americans for Democratic Action has commended Mayor McKeldin "for the strong stand you have taken on the issue of open housing."

ADA joins the NAACP and other influential groups and individuals who have supported Mayor McKeldin's introduction of a fair housing bill in City Council this year.

Some others have accused him of playing politics, not doing all he can to get a bill passed and of knowing the bill has no chance of passage this year.

ADA TOLD Mayor McKeldin:

"We feel as you do that one must stand and be counted in favor of that which is right and just.

"We regret that not everyone who believes in the principle of fair housing is willing to take a strong stand on the issue.

"We do not feel that other necessary legislation will suffer because we are not willing to accept less than that which we must have.

"Your unequivocal support of this measure shows political courage that we admire."

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EIGHT COUNCILMEN of the 11 needed to pass the legislation have said they will support the fair housing measure.

An all-out campaign will be mustered in the city this year to see that the next City Council has at least 11 members who support civil rights.

NIGHT LIFE — In week hours of morning a passerby turns to observe as beat policeman prepares to ticket a Washington, D.C. car parked in bus stop. (AFRO Staff Photo by Phillips.)

Darkness gives way to daylight as night people go in, others come out

By MICHAEL DAVIS

My time of day is the dark-time
A couple of deals before dawn
When the street belongs to the cop
And the janitor with the mop
And the grocery clerks are all gone.

—Sky Masterson, in Frank Losser's "Guys and Dolls"

Baltimore streets are dark, lonely. It is the time of night when people are alone, in cars, on the sidewalk, in all-night hamburger stands. It is the time when customers talk to waitresses soley because they are both human and happen to be in the same place. Dawn is an hour or two away.

A young couple finish their coffee and get up from their table in a motel restaurant. She is pretty, with her hair piled high atop her head; he wears glasses and carries a newspaper in one hand.

Outside the restaurant, they stop. He puts his arm around her and they kiss at length. He is still holding the newspaper in his hand. They climb into a car. He does not open the door for her. It is 5 a.m. and still dark.

A WAITRESS at a Howard Street restaurant tells a friend about a man who came in earlier and asked for a bag of ice. He ate breakfast, she says, with the ice pressed against his head.

A cab driver comes in. He tells her that there hasn't been much business during the night. He sits at a corner booth and orders a cup of coffee.

An old woman stands on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Mosher Street, a shawl over her head. A cool wind whips her clothing as she leans against a sign post. It is 5:30 a.m., and light has seeped into the clouds in the eastern sky.

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AT PROVIDENT Hospital, the young emergency room supervisor has had a quiet night. "Only obstetric cases," he volunteers.

He picks up the phone. "She's already had the baby at home," he says and switches to another extension. "Miss, the woman on 234 needs an ambulance."

He turns back. "The baby was dead," he says. He is no longer smiling.

Two policemen are leaving the hospital. It has been a calm night they agree. "You've caught us goofing off," one says. It is 6:05 a.m. and cars are beginning to travel without headlights.

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A POLICEMAN at head quarters is reading the previous day's report, chewing on a tooth pick as he turns the pages.

"If you'd get out there and work that beat, you wouldn't have to do that," an older officer says.

"Shucks, I work," says the first officer. "Catch all those burglars, you know."

It is a joke.

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AT DIVISION and Laurens, firemen are leaving the blackened wreckage of an automobile.

As they leave one of the firemen tilts his hat down over one eye and relaxes on a pile of hose in the rear of the truck.

In the basement of city hall an ancient watchman is still on duty

"Not many folks come to City Hall at night," he says, "not even the mayor."

It is 6:15 a.m. and people, early risers, pass quickly and silently through the streets on their way to work.

A policeman drives by, on his way to work or home, riding a tiny Japanese motorbike.

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THE NIGHT is over, the moment is lost. Delivery trucks roll past. There are buses, persons carrying their lunches, businessmen. The mist that had shrouded the shaft of the Bromo Seltzer building is gone.

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Powell Beats $156,000 Libel Bill

Howard punished by big pay loss

By ELIAZBETH M. OLIVER

Joseph C. Howard, brilliant local lawyer, was sworn in Thursday as assistant state's attorney for the year of 1967.

He was due to return to the staff in January but was suspended pending a decision on his alleged inferences the courts treat colored and white defendants differently in rape cases.

The results of the unprecedented ceremonies for Mr. Howard's return to his former position are, in a nutshell:

1. Mr. Howard entered into the record (before he took the oath) the fact that he has certain matters on his mind he intends to clarify.

2. He attempted to state the matters before the court at the time but was ruled out of order.

3. He learned he will not get paid for the time (January and February) he was waiting for the Bench to decide what to do with him.

4. Although all charges against him were dismissed by the Bar Association Grievance Committee and the action approved by the Bench, he "pays" in a sense, by losing some $2,000 in salary.

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A PANEL of five robed judges sat for the swearing-in at 10 a.m. Thursday. Judge J. Harold Grady headed the group composed of Judges James A. Perrott, Charles D. Harris, Albert Sklar, James K. Cullen.

States Attorney Charles E. Moylan presented Mr. Howard.

Lawrence Mooney, Clerk of the Criminal Court, administered the oath.

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STATE'S ATTY. CHARLES E. MOYLAN'S presentation statement opened the ceremonies.

He informed the Bench his review of Mr. Howard's unusual qualifications for assistant would be brief since he had served satisfactorly three consecutive years.

Terming the young lawyer "a valued member and chief of my trial staff," he stated, "He has given honorable and exemplary service."

Judge Grady then said, "Are you prepared to take the oath?"

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HAD MR. HOWARD immediately been sworn- in, the rites would have been over in less than five minutes.

However, at this point Mr. Howard informed the court he had a statement to make "before I take the oath."

In essence, he told the judges it was 10 days before, while in New York at his father's bedside he had learned the Supreme Bench accepted the Bar group's "charges-dismissed decision" and subsequently approved his return to the State's Attorney's office.

Later as he read in the newspapers the Supreme Bench wrap-up of the whole action since his dismissal, he decided to answer their let-

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Top teachers get votes from backers

Apparently a sure road to prominence in the AFRO's high-flying teacher contest is to have your own sons or daughters think of you as their "Favorite Teacher."

Four of the current contest leaders vying for two vacations in Puerto Rico have children who think of them in just that way.

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AN EXAMPLE of this twist in the contest is Mrs. Madeline Harding, who was in third place on Tuesday.

Mrs. Harding, a second grade teacher at Mt. Winans Elementary School 156, said her name was first entered by her daughter, an 11th grade student at Douglass High School.

The daughter, Evelyn, told her, "Mother, you are my favorite teacher and I should have entered you last year."

Mrs. Harding, a graduate of Coppin State College and a teacher for 15 years, said that her daughter and her friends at Douglass have been carrying most of the campaign.

She explained that Mt. Winans is a small school, with only 332 students, but each morning four youngsters visit each class collecting the votes that have come in.

Votes also come from Mrs. Harding's For-Win-Ash Garden Club and from a class she tutors every Wednesday evening at United Christian Church.

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LOUIS WILLIAMS, who had a firm rein in first place on Tuesday, also let us in on a bit of his supporters' campaign strategy.

His sons, Louis, 13, and Kenneth, 11, are working hard by collecting votes at their respective schools, which have not entered teachers in the contest.

Mr. Williams said his younger son told him, "I knew all the time you were a favorite teacher."

A fifth grade teacher at Fort Worthington Elementary School 85, he is in his second year of teaching after graduating from Coppin State College.

Mr. Williams, who presumably is also the "favorite teacher" of his 15-month-old adopted daughter, noted that a team of six young girl students from his class is sparking the campaign.

If successful in his aim for the Easter vacation trip to San Juan, Mr. Williams said

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TEACHER —Louis Williams, School 85 at Lakewood Ave. and Oliver St., gets a handful of votes from three of his fifth grade pupils (left to right) Robin Williams, Charles Thomas and Aleta Blackwell.

Promotions lag for fan fighting men

By MICHAEL DAVIS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Maryland's third-term congressman Clarence D. Long will meet with Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, next week, and request an immediate investigation into reports that gross disparities exist in the promotion of colored servicemen.

Long, a Democrat, charged in a letter to the Department of Defense that colored officers comprise only a small percentage of the total officer corps in the Navy and Marine Corps and that these two units have lagged in promotional opportunities for colored men, far behind the Army, which he says also has a sordid record.

The Maryland lawmaker refuted charges that colored enlistees lack formal education and thereby exclude themselves from promotion. Long cited a 1964 Armed Forces survey which revealed that the formal education of nonwhite enlisted men is about the same as, and in some cases better than, the education of white enlisted men. 46.3 percent of nonwhite enlisted men were high school graduates in 1964, while only 42.9 percent of the white enlisted men held high school degrees.

"If the armed forces had a policy of seeking out colored men for promotion," Long told the AFRO, "the promotion of colored servicemen should have grown in 21 years more than it has."

Long, again citing the 1964 report, said the promotional disparities may be seen by comparing by the actual number of colored officers per 1,000 military personnel for each branch of service with what it would be if colored men were promoted to the same extent as white men:

Army, only 36 compared with 129; Navy; 3, compared to 52; Marine Corps; 4, compared with 83; Air Force; 16, compared with 92.

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DEFENSE DEPARTMENT records indicate there were 30 colored Army officers per 1,000 army officers in 1954. In 1965, there were only 36.

Long said that promotional opportunities lag even more than this in the Navy. The number of colored Naval officers has only grown from one per 1,000 officers in 1954 to three in 1965.

The Marine Corps and Air Force statistics show the same trend, Long charged.

A Defense Department spokesman said that he has received a copy of the Long charges and that he expected to confer with Long on the

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WIDOW AND DAUGHTERS — Mrs. Lillian Parrott Murphy (center foreground), widow and daughters of publisher enter church for rites. Reading clockwise: Mrs. A. Paul Moss (Elizabeth), Mrs. Robert W. Matthews 3rd (Vashti), Mrs. Marvin Davis (Jean), Mrs. Leeland Jones (Carlita), Mrs. Clarence Henderson (Frances) and Mrs. S. Edward Smith (Ida).

Solicitor general, governor among mourners at funeral

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

The end of an era — the Carl Murphy Era — which stretched across 78 years, ended Wednesday five blocks from where it began.

Requiem Mass was said 10 a.m. Wednesday for Dr. Carl Murphy at St. James Episcopal Church Arlington and Lafayette Aves.

The church is five blocks from 1336 N. Carey St., where the crusading publisher scholar and freedom fighter was born Jan. 17, 1889.

He was buried on the sunset side of a gently sloping hill in the family plot at Arbutus Memorial Park.

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THE SOLEMN, simple, and dignified Mass was said by the Rt. Rev. Harry Lee Doll, bishop of the Maryland Diocese.

He was assisted by the Rev. Donald O. Wilson, and the Rev. Lloyd V. George, St. James' rector and assistant, respectively.

During the "Carl Murphy Era" Dr. Murphy carved for himself brilliant reputations as a publicist, scholar, and civil rights champion.

At the solemn 40-minute rites performed before more than 800 mourners were distinguished personalities from those areas plus ranking Federal, state and city officials.

They, like AFRO employees — past and present — served as honorary pallbearers.

Upon learning of his death over the weekend they publicly paid him glowing tributes and voiced expressions of sorrow.

Wednesday they substituted presence for words and braved 19-degree temperatures driven by 15-25 mile per hour wind to register their respect.

A brilliant sunshine played on the stained windows of St. James while Bishop Doll recited from the Episcopalian "Burial of the Dead."

U. S. Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall sat on the front row on the first pew a few feet from the African mahogany casket draped in a maroon pall.

As chief counsel for the NAACP General Marshall and Dr. Murphy were intimate comrades in plotting strategy for the assault against the walls of segregation in Maryland and the nation.

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DR. MURPHY was a frequent visitor at the White House during the terms of five presidents — Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and Lyndon Baines Johnson.

On the same seat with Mr. Marshall Wednesday was Judge L. Howard Bennett, assistant Secretary of Defense, representing Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

Maryland's Gov. Spiro T. Agnew, whose recent candidacy was vigorously supported by the publisher, was also in attendance, as was Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, a longtime friend.

They, other Federal, city and state leaders and AFRO employees filled more than half the 700-capacity church.

Dr. Murphy was a member of the U.S. Post Office Advisory Board, having been appointed in 1960 by then President John F. Kennedy.

Present at the rites were assistant Postmaster General Richard J. Murphy, representing Postmaster Lawrence J. O'Brien. Also there members of the advisory board:

Judge Paul J. Perocchi, acting chairman; Victor Brussie, Fred Gates, Robert E. MacNeal, members; William H. Snyder, executive secretary, and Henry Dixon.

Former AFRO employees paying final tribute were Alfred Sweeney, Samuel F. Yette, James D. Williams, Rufus Wells, Herbert Magrum, Frederick Weaver, Levi Jolly.

Branch office editors included Ralph Matthews Sr., New Jersey; Robert Queen, Philadelphia; Miss Ruth Jenkins and Mrs. Mary Merchant, Washington; Raymond Boone, and Scott L. Henderson, Richmond editor and photographer, respectively.

Most home office employees

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Adam can swing to Harlem soon

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — The New York State Court of Appeals Thursday overturned a $156,000 fraud judgment against Adam Clayton Powell in a suit stemming from a libel case brought him by Harlem widow Mrs. Esther James.

Mrs. James had charged that Powell has fraudulently transferred property he owned in Puerto Rico to relatives of his wife, Yvette, in order to escape paying the original $46,500 libel judgement against Powell for calling the Harlem widow a graft collector.

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THE HIGH court ruled that the Appelate Division should not have awarded Mrs. James $100,000 in punitive damages. The court also said that the part of the suit involving $56,000 in compensatory damages would have to be returned to Supreme Court in New York County.

The Appeals Court returned the compensatory damages section of the suit to the lower court because it had wrongfully been decided on the basis of New York law.

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THE HIGH court said it should have been decided on the basis of Puerto Rican law where the property in question was located.

The punitive damages were thrown out because they stemmed from a suit subsequent to the libel judgment and were not actually in payment for libel damages.

Court test due on seat

Adam Clayton Powell plans to ask the courts "within the next week" to overrule the House and give him back his seat.

The Harlem preacher-politician also is ready to announce his candidacy for election to the vacancy that was created when the house voted to "exclude" him from the 90th Congress.

Rejecting the legal arguments offered by their own experts and ignoring pleas by leaders of both parties, rank-and-file House members took the rare step in response to what is said to be heavy mail from the home folks demanding that Powell be denied his seat.

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POWELL WAS NOT on hand for the historic action. He got the news on the sunny isle of Bimini, where he has been vacationing.

"It's a second Dred Scott decision," he said, referring to the 1857 Supreme Court ruling upholding chattel slavery in the United States.

He then telephoned his lawyers, refused all comment on the action of his former colleagues.

THERE WERE several roll call votes Wednesday, but only two made any difference. In the first, the House voted 222 to 202 to reject a Special Committee's plan to seat Powell, then fine him $40,000, strip him of 22 years seniority and subject him to public censure.

In the second, by a vote of 248 to 176, members adopted a substitute proposal offered by Rep. Thomas B. Curtis, R-Mo., excluding Powell from membership in the 90th Congress and instructing Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., to notify New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of the "existing vacancy."

On the question of whether to support the committee,

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Bunche sees race in Powell ouster

Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations Under Secretary, says "there can be no reasonable doubt that if Adam Clayton Powell had been white he would have his seat today."

Dr. Bunche, highest ranking American in the UN and a Nobel Peace Prize winner, commenting on the barring of Powell declared:

"Emotion, prejudice and hypocrisy too obviously ran deeply in the action of the House."

Electrical examiners face racial questions

Charges of discrimination in the granting of licenses to colored electricians in Baltimore City resulted in the withholding of approval of five Agnew appointments to the State Board of Electrical Examiners.

The charges were hurled by Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell (D. ,4) during a closed Senate session Wednesday when green bag appointments by Gov. Agnew were up for approval.

The AFRO learned that approval of the green bag appointments were delayed for some time as a debate followed the Mitchell accusations.

Later, the names submitted for the electrical examining body were singled out and further consideration on them was deferred until a later date.

Senate failure to honor the new administration's nominees is not, in this case, a matter of political differences.

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THE AFRO'S labor columnist revealed last year that of the more than 1000 li-

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Baltimore Slums-II: Effect

By MICHAEL DAVIS

Richard Jackson, a 22-year-old youth from East Baltimore never received a diploma from Dunbar High School where he was a student for two-and-a-half years before dropping out.

Richard quit school so he could stay home and care for a younger sister while his mother worked as a domestic employee in a local hospital.

Richard's father, who he said he sees "every now and then," works, when he can find a job, as a laborer.

Richard, a product of Baltimore's ghettos and slums, is no different from the thousands of other Baltimore youngsters whose bright tomorrows have been eclipsed by the harsh economic and social realities of the slum.

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AND RICHARD, who admits to having had more than his share of "run-ins" with the law has little hope — sees little real chance — for any meaningful change in his pattern of living.

Floyd McKissick, director of the Congress of Racial Equality, has suggested that cities, unable to cope with the problems of slum removal, make the slums "livable."

To Richard, and the thousands like him in Baltimore and other American cities, the problem of the slum is more than a two-room, rat-infested apartment. It is more than a need for recreational or proper health facilities.

Lack of formal training or vocational skills mean low paying jobs. Too often, and things are getting worse, it means no job at all.

No job means no money. So the cycle repeats itself, making it all but impossible to get out of the slum.

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THE CITY itself, as well as the slum-dweller, suffers.

Tax revenues from run-down real estate decrease.

The cost of welfare aid