'Black-faced' bank bandit found guilty

Black-faced bandit Charles F. Wagaman, 34, New Stanton, Pa., was found guilty by a federal court jury this week in the $23,045 robbery of the Rosedale Savings and Loan Association.

U.S. Attorney Thomas J. Kenny told the nine-man, three-woman jury that Wagaman covered his hair and blackened his skin with a cosmetic preparation in an attempt to lead witnesses to believe that he was a colored person.

Wagaman was arrested the night after the Dec. 2, 1966 robbery of the Rosedale Savings and Loan Association, near the Club Troc at 400 E. Baltimore St.

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BALTIMORE POLICE officers testified that when taken into custody Wagaman had in his possession $6,249 — $950 in his pockets and $7,290 in a brown leather briefcase.

Taking the stand in his own defense, Wagaman testified that he was walking along Baltimore St. on the night of Dec. 3 and was looking for a friend in the Baltimore area who he wished to visit before completing trip to Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wagaman said that the briefcase in his possession contained an assortment of soiled shirts and that he took it to the Club Troc and asked the manager to hold it for him until he returned.

The manager of the club placed the leather briefcase on a beer cooler.

Court records show that an informer told police that Wagaman was in the vicinity of the club with a large amount of money.

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WHEN OFFICERS confiscated the bag they discovered that the serial numbers of 47 of the $1 bills matched the numbers of bills taken in the robbery of the loan

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35 YEARS — Willie Thompson, pressman, smiles approvingly as Mrs. Elizabeth M. Moss, AFRO vice president - treasurer, affixes his 35-year service pin.

310 YEARS — The combined service of these AFRO employees, awarded service pins Monday at the newspapers 60th Annual Stockholders Meeting, stretches over 310 years. Employees cited, length of service and departments are: (Seated) Daniel Julius, 30, Mailing; Mahlon Oswell, 30, business; Mrs. Pauline Blackwell, 30, circulation; Stanton Merritt, 30, press; Standing: Mrs. Marsha German (representing mother, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oliver, 10, editorial); Leon Brown, 20, stereotype; Otho Mackay, 15, cold type; James Wright, 5, composing; William Freeman, 20, business; I Henry Phillips Sr. 20, photography; Mrs. Odessa W. Dyson, 20, executive, Charles Gray, 5, cold type; and George Lottier Sr., 20, business. Not shown are William Thompson, 35, press; Mrs. Bertha Jordan, 15, and John Quarles, 5.

Gunmen get $800 at Hilton Ct. Pharmacy

"I'm still shaking."

Wesley Shelton, pharmacist at the Hilton Court Pharmacy, Liberty Heights Ave. and Hilton Sts., was giving his reaction to the Tuesday holdup of the drug store by four "cool" armed bandits.

Northwestern District commander Robert J. Hewes said the robbers, led by a sawed-off shotgun- wielding bandit, rifled two cash registers of $800 and made good their escape in a late model sedan.

Mr. Shelton, who manages the modern drugstore — one of a three-store chain — said he was busy compounding prescriptions in the patent medicine section when he heard a voice saying, "OK, let me have it."

"When I turned around I was looking into the end of a sawed-off shotgun," the pharmacist told police.

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MR. SHELTON, who said it was his first experience with thieves, added that when the robber was told there was no money in his department he (Mr. Shelton) was ordered to the front of the store with three other employees and two customers.

"The one with the shotgun was cool," Mr. Shelton remembered. "The other three with pistols seemed a little nervous, but the leader was cool."

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"I WISHED I was a candy bar," is the way one young customer reacted when he was "politely invited to 'come in'" when he visited the store while the hold-up was in progress.

The customer, who said he had a chance to get a good look at the robbers, said he thought "something was wrong" when a man, apparently a look-out, "began reaching in his pockets when I ran past him."

The customer said the look-out man relaxed when he slowed to a casual walk and entered the store.

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MR. SHELTON said the robbery was over in less than five minutes and the thieves disappeared south on Hilton St. in a late model sedan.

Other employes on duty at the time were William Harris, Mrs. Patty Mott, and Mrs. Mattie Bound, clerks.

This is the first time the store has been held up, according to Mr. Shelton, who added that he "wouldn't mind at all if it's the last."

County family vows to stay in new home

A 41-year-old used car dealer has vowed not to be shaken by rock attacks on a home he recently bought in a previously all-white Anne Arundel County neighborhood.

Walter Bright, manager of a used car lot, bought the $25,000 home at 495 Higgins Dr. a few weeks ago. Before he had a chance to move in however, windows and door panels were knocked out by a barrage of rocks and bricks.

Bright, who has now moved into the house with his wife and child, said there have been no further incidents and that it looks as if things have "settled down" in the neighborhood.

More lawyers to aid poor with problems

One hundred sixty-three lawyers of the Bar Association of Baltimore City have volunteered to contribute their time and services to the broadened legal service program of the Legal Aid

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16 AFRO employees cited for 310 years of service

A pall of sadness hung Monday over the 60th Annual AFRO-AMERICAN Stockholders' meeting when 16 employees received service pins and watches for a total of 310 years of service to the newspaper.

Dr. Carl Murphy, who headed the company since 1922 and presided over 45 of the 60 meetings, was not in his chair in the center of his massive horseshoe desk.

Dr. Murphy was buried March 1.

AFRO President John H. Murphy III presided and he too was weighted with sorrow. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Murphy Neely will be given final rites Saturday in Philadelphia.

The solemn occasion was marked by an eloquent prayer from the Rev. N. B. Carrington, retired pastor of Union Memorial Methodist Church and retired AFRO head pressman for 21 years.

This was his prayer:

"OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, on this group of stockholders pour thy power that this business might endure. Grant them wisdom, and courage for the facing of these hours and give them strength for the living of these days.

"As one star differs from another in glory, let the light of Dr. Carl Murphy continue like a fixed star - in thy journalistic heavens that men might find a light along their pathways.

"Now let there be unity

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Hold couple in abduction of child, 2

"It's like a heavy weight has been lifted from us."

That, in the feelings of Mrs. Roselie Gray, is what happens when you believe your young son is never going to turn up alive and then he is returned safe and sound.

Mrs. Gray's two-year-old boy Clarence disappeared from near his home in the 700 block W. Fairmount Ave. Monday afternoon, and for three days his parents agonized for his safety.

The young couple "went everywhere" looking for the boy.

"We never thought he would come back walking," Mrs. Gray said yesterday.

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SHE SAID her husband, Julius Gray, had "checked houses and playgrounds all over. We didn't leave anything untouched. The police were looking too. We didn't know what to think.

"We hated to think what had happened."

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WEDNESDAY THE child was returned, and Western District police charged a middle aged couple with his abduction.

The pair, Anthony Hall, 42, and Mrs. Edna Mae Hall, 40, of the 100 block N. Greene St., received a preliminary hearing on the abduction charge Thursday morning and were held on $2,500 bail each for action of the grand jury.

Mrs. Gray said she and her husband saw their son walking toward the house Wednesday and both rushed out to grab him.

"It's hard to believe he's back," she added. "So many things can happen.

"He was happy to see us. He got to playing with his toys and was himself again," his mother said, breaking into a relieved, happy smile.

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CLARENCE was taking his nap as she talked.

The youngster who will be three years old in July, has a four-year-old brother and an eight-month-old sister.

He and his brother and a

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LIKE McCOYS-HATFIELDS

Relatives, friends kill off each other

By ROGER J. NISSLY

The FBI annually puts out national homicide statistics showing that if you are killed, it is most likely to be by a member of your own family or a friend.

A study of Baltimore homicides for 1966 bears out these national statistics.

It shows that a majority of the 187 murders were committed by family and friends.

In that year 19 percent of the victims were dispatched by members of their families—spouses killing spouses being the largest category.

Add to that the 34 percent chance you have of being killed by a friend or acquaintance, and the prospect for "friendly" or "family" murder zooms to over 53 percent.

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HOMICIDE SQUAD records showed 35 persons died in murders within their family. Those charged in the "spouse" murders were nearly evenly divided between men and women.

In the AFRO check which produced these figures, "friendly" homicides were tabbed those which occurred in the home of either victim or assailant. A total of 62 deaths can be found in this category.

In addition, the homicide record lists by location of occurrence (and several by motive) 59 homicides which can be placed in a category of street altercation, bar fight or teenage (and other) grude fights.

This is the only category which contains murders by clear-cut "enemies," but also undoubtedly admits of many "friends" who turned enemy for the moment.

SEVERAL STABBINGS, and shootings which were later ruled accidental in nature are scattered through all three categories.

In only one small category

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Carter leaves housing group

Walter Carter, prominent civil rights worker and former CORE official, has resigned as a member of the Housing Committee of the Mayor's Task Force For Equal Rights.

Mr. Carter cited Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin's long refusal to appoint colored citizens to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals as a direct cause for his resignation.

In a letter to Warren Buckler and Cornelius Tinley, co-chairmen of the Housing Committee, Mr. Carter stated:

"When the mayor appoints a number of colored citizens to the Zoning Board in proportion to the number of citizens who are the victims of segregated housing;

"And when he does something administratively to alleviate the housing blight of our people, I would consider it an honor to serve on a committee such as the Mayor's Housing Committee.

"As things stand today, I consider it a disgrace. Therefore, I resign."

Youngster dies after accident

A 10-year-old boy was fatally injured when struck by a car while crossing a stret near his home in West Baltimore Monday afternoon.

Walter Harris, of the 2300 block Division St., accident investigators said, was struck shortly after noon in the same block.

He died 12 hours later, after midnight, in Provident Hospital. Police said he had run out of an alley and was crossing Division St.

William Kraus, 36, of the 4100 block Bedford Rd., Baltimore County, was charged with reckless driving shortly after the accident.

CROWDED QUARTERS—Pharmacist Wesley Shelton of the Hilton Court Pharmacy, Hilton and Liberty Heights Ave., was busy Tuesday compounding prescriptions when he turned to find his already-close quarters crowded. Shotgun - wielding bandit was standing is spot marked by X. He ordered the pharmacist from the cubicle and held him, along with three other employees and two customers at bay while his three pistol-armed accomplices rifled two cash registers of $800, before all fled in the late model sedan.

School board nominee gets mixed reactions

PRINCESS ANNE — A 54-year-old school bus contractor and former member of the NAACP may become the first colored member of the Somerset County School Board.

But the nomination of Kermit Maddox, which is expected to be sent to Gov Spiro T. Agnew next week by Republican officials, has caused a number of raised eyebrows in this eastern shore town.

Samuel Doane, president of Somerset's NAACP has charged that Maddox, who in addition to being a school bus contractor describes himself as an interior decorator and a farmer, is nothing more than a man "who does what white folk tell him to do."

Maddox, who admits that he doesn't "like to talk to reporters" told the AFRO that he can't understand why Doane would refer to him unfavorably.

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DOANE SAID that Maddox who ran last year as the unsuccessful Republican candidate for judge of Orphans Court, was asked by county residents to boycott town stores during a series of demonstrations in Princess Anne in 1964.

"A number of people noticed that Maddox was going in the stores during the boycott," Doane said. "We had some people ask him not to do it and he told us that he got along with white people and didn't want any part of that mess.'

"I really don't have anything against Maddox," Doane said, "but he's not much liked by the colored people in this part of the state.

"The white people have a

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Electrical Bd. nominee apologizes; 5 okayed

ANNAPOLIS—Five nominees to the controversial Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors have been confirmed by the Senate.

Confirmation came after one of the members, James A. Johns Jr., Timonium, apologized to Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D., 4th, Balto) for having rebuffed her request for a copy of the board's examination papers.

Sen. Welcome had let it be known she would attempt to block Mrs. Johns' reappointment by Gov. Spiro T. Agnew.

She said Monday afternoon, however, that Mr. Johns, the board's secretary-treasurer, had not only apologized but promised to work closely with her in any future examinations in which she is interested.

EARLIER, Senator Welcome and Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell (D., 4th Balto.) joined to successfully block the reappointment of George Winters, the board's president, after charging that the board operated in a discriminatory manner in handling exams.

Appointed with Mr. Johns were Steve G. Pinos, Baltimore; Joseph Prestianni, Jessups; George A. Porter and Joseph S. Quinn, both of Baltimore.

Mr. Quinn was a replacement nominee for Mr. Winters.

Court requested to enforce law on minimum pay

U.S. Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz has filed a suit in the U.S. District Court here against City Investment Co., Inc., and Transtate Investments, Inc., 2321 North Point Blvd., Baltimore County, to enjoin violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, including the further withholding of minimum wage and overtime compensation due 20 employees.

Also named individually were Norman E. Pessin and Benson H. Fine, officers of the companies.

The complaint alleges that the defendants failed to pay the applicable minimum wage, failed to pay time and one-half for hours worked in excess of 40 per work-week and failed to keep proper records. A judgment is being sought to permanently enjoin the defendants from further violations of the law.

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ONE LAST HURDLE LEFT

'Rent subsidy' voting surprises: Leone, Myers for—Ward against

By ROGER J. NISSLY

"They have tried to make a civil rights issue out of it," one City Councilman observer said of the controversial "rent subsidy" bill before it came up for a vote Tuesday night.

In a long roll call vote (in which its future was in doubt), the bill—more accurately known as a project for "Community Organization and Service to Improve Family Living" — weathered its way out of committee and found a favorable vote.

The 12 to 9 vote was along civil rights lines, with a few surprises.

When two Sixth District councilmen voted for the or-

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'DOPE NEEDLE' FOUND NEAR WOMAN'S BODY

How Poor Students Cheated In Schools
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Seventy-fifth Anniversary

Eight Jurors Set Precedent Here
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POWELL'S SUIT THROWN OUT

'Operation Champ' cleared of charges in FBI probe

An investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice has cleared "Operation Champ," an inner - city recreation project sponsored by the Community Action Agency, of charges of mismanagement.

In a letter to Parren J. Mitchell, director of the Community Action Agency, U.S. Attorney Thomas J. Kenney said:

"This office and the Department of Justice have reviewed the investigation made by the FBI in this matter and have reached the conclusion that further investigation is not warranted in an attempt to develop a case either under the theft of government property or involving fraud against the United States."

MITCHELL SAID he was "gratified" over the results of the investigation and pointed out that he had suggested, when the issue first evolved, that no snap judgments be made until the time an objective party had been given the opportunity to sift through specific data.

Mitchell said he felt that the letter was, "sufficient notice to those individuals who had attempted to suggest that the Western Police League had by deliberate design violated the conditions of its contract.

"I feel certain that there are many instances in which the program did not follow all prescribed outlines as suggested by federal agencies, but when you are operating a mass program in a community, take it to the community, there will always be some disparities.

"However, I am confident that any irregularities were due to omission rather than deliberate acts of commission."

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IN THE original report city auditors George W. Zentz and Michael A. Milet tacked by Auditor Daniel Paul, charged that Operation Champ's budget called for the employment of 12 persons, but that as many as 60 were on the payroll.

It was also alleged that more than $1,500 was paid for sandwiches to a firm that had no trader permit.

The auditors also suggested that some $3,419 in expenditures should be disallowed and that the city should immediately stop all further advances.

The project, which was a pilot program was not scheduled to be repeated this year.

CPL. HOWARD S. STEVENS

LANCE CPL. EARL FAISON JR.

Two more Marines die in Vietnam

The Defense Department has announced the deaths of two more area Marines in Vietnam.

They are:

Cpl. Howard S. Stevens, 22, 3006 Chelsea Terr.; and,

Lance Cpl. Earl Faison Jr., 22, 6116 Rich Ave., Catonsville.

Last week the AFRO reported the death of four Baltimoreans killed in Vietnam as the casualty list grows.

Cpl. Stevens, who graduated from Carver High in 1965, enlisted in the Marines two months afterwards.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton (Irene) Hall, and attended Perkins Square Baptist Church.

At Carver he was a star athlete, a member of the football squad and the track team.

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IN VIETNAM since June, he was wounded late last year and received the Purple Heart.

On March 28, Cpl. Stevens was one of 13 Marines killed in an explosion during a mine

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BANK HOLD - UP SUSPECT, 16-year-old Lloyd Simon, leaves Northwestern Police Station as father, Henry Simon, attempts to shield him from camera. (Staff Photo by Paige)

Judge cites 'separation of powers'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A federal judge today (Friday) dismissed the court suit by Adam Clayton Powell to force Congress to take him back.

Powell's lawyers immediately prepared to appeal the action.

U.S. District Court Judge George L. Hart Jr. ruled that the courts do not have the authority to review the House's ouster of the flamboyant Harlem preacher-politician.

One of Powell's attorneys, Frank Reeves, said after reading the ruling: We are going to go on with our preparation to go upstairs.

"We have to lodge an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals," Reeves said. He added that the appeal "will be filed forthwith."

Hart rejected all Powell's appeals, including one asking for an injunction blocking an election next Tuesday to fill the Harlem Congressional seat.

"It is the conclusion of this court that for the court to decide this case on the merits and to grant any of the relief prayed for in the complaint would constitute a clear violation of the doctrine of separation of powers," Hart said.

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WASHINGTON (In New York, Wednesday, the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court upheld unanimously Powell's right to run for re-election next Tuesday (April 11) to the House seat he was barred from taking.)

In Washington, a federal judge with a distaste for footnotes and an awareness of history was faced this week with the problem of whether he should enter the seating dispute between Adam Clayton Powell and the House.

U.S. District Judge George Luzerne Hart Jr., a former District of Columbia Republican chairman named to the federal bench by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, promised his verdict Friday morning.

He has been asked by excongressman Powell to set the legal machinery in motion that would propel the Harlem preacher-politician back into the House. Members voted to exclude the 22-year veteran after hearing charges that he abused his travel and payroll privileges.

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HART'S CHOICE OF decisions ranged from a preliminary injunction ordering Powell seated immediately to dismissing the case entirely.

He has heard the arguments from both sides and says he will spend the next two days making up his mind and writing his opinion. His decision will be historic, if for no other reasons than the suit itself is historic.

But Hart's ruling will also only be preliminary and it may turn out that by the time the case is disposed of in the Supreme Court the 61-year-old judge will be only a footnote in the lawbooks.

It would be an ironic touch because one thing Hart made clear during oral arguments Tuesday was that he doesn't like footnotes. "I think they're an abomination," he told a Powell lawyer who happened to refer to one that didn't ring a bell with the judge.

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HART ALSO MADE it

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POVERTY'S FACE—CLOSEUP

All age groups pay bitter dues

By MICHAEL DAVIS

(Second of 4 Parts)

"A rat bit my baby sister on the finger."

"Well, stupid don't you know how to kill rats? All you gotta do is get some orange poison, put it on some bread and when the rat eats it he swell up and strangles."

Slum children, of necessity, have become adjusted to living in such substandard conditions.

Slum children know what it takes to kill a rat, a roach, or how to heat an apartment from a pothellied stove when the utilities are cut off for lack of payment.

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THREE BOYS were busy chopping wood in the 500 block of St. Mary's St. They had no attention to three girls who walked by, laughed and then hurried off down the block.

To these small boys the wagon - load of wood might have meant the difference between a hot and cold supper that night.

Poverty extracts bitter dues from all age groups in the poverty cycle.

Teachers, many of them just starting their careers have become disenchanted with the Baltimore Public School System. Disenchanted that is, if they ever was a time they thought they would enjoy or derive some satisfaction from teaching.

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BUT MARY JONES, and that is not her real name, has been teaching in Baltimore for almost two years.

She spoke freely with an AFRO reporter about what happens in the classroom.

"No day is related to the one before, for children at inner-city schools. Lateness jumps 15 percent in cold and wet weather and the children that do come, often come shivering, with no hats and wet feet.

"One of my students has been out of school for more than a week. He won't come to school but stays, instead, in the streets. Other children see him hanging on to the back of buses. He's a loner. A real cute fellow but I have not been able to interest his

—SEE Poverty, Page 21

Find needle near vidim

Police are investigating the death, apparently from a self-inflicted overdose of narcotics, of a 36 - year - old woman Wednesday morning.

The victim, found in her third floor apartment in the 2200 block of N. Calvert St., was identified as Mrs. Billie Ware. An ambulance crew pronounced her prostrate form dead at 9:55 a.m.

Narcotics investigators arrived at the scene to find an improvised hypodermic syringe (eyedropper and hypodermic needle) on a table near the body.

Seven white capsules containing a white powder were found on a mantle in the apartment, police said.

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LT. JACOB SIMONSEN, head of the Narcotics Squad, said the powder is being analyzed and the body is undergoing autopsy by the Medical Examiner's Office.

"We won't know for a couple weeks the exact cause of death," he said.

Another fact people don't seem to realize, he said, is that if the injections are not made exactly right, "they can kill themselves with air bubble."

A 46-year-old man who said he lived with the victim told police he left the apartment about 7:15 a.m. and the deceased apparently was all right.

He said when he returned, she was unconscious on the floor and he noticed the syringe on the table and called police.

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A NEIGHBOR, also on the third floor, stated he heard someone knocking on the man's door between 7:30 and 8 a.m.

"Billie, Billie, Billie, quoted the caller as saying, "Open the door."

The witness said she did not know if the caller gained entrance.

Assembly urges open housing for all military personnel

By MAX JOHNSON

Little has been said about a resolution, passed by both the Senate and House of Delegates, puts Maryland on record as fostering open housing for all military personnel, regardless of race.

When signed by Gov. Spiro T. Agnew, it will go to General Assembly order to Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense, and to all of Maryland's U.S. Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The resolution further asks that the state's congressional delegation take all necessary action in urging Mr. McNamara to promptly issue an anti-discrimination order for military personnel in off-base housing.

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SIGNIFICANTLY, IT comes out of Maryland at a time when President Lyndon B. Johnson is pressing for open housing legislation on a national scale.

The resolution's directed order from Mr. McNamara promptly order an end to segregation in off-base housing for military personnel.

Little has been said about the resolution, passed by Delegates, puts Maryland on record as fostering open housing for all military personnel, regardless of race.

—SEE Assembly, Page 2

Contest opens Tuesday for 'Student of Year'

Now that Baltimore teachers have had a crack at the AFRO's "Favorite Teacher Contest" it seems only fair to put the shoe on the other foot again and give the students another chance to share an AFRO prize bag.

And when the April 11 edition of the AFRO hits the street Tuesday that's exactly what is going to happen.

That is the day the third AFRO "Student of the Year Contest" gets off to a flying start.

Baltimore students will have the opportunity to compete for $1,500 in cash prizes.

The contest is open to all senior and senior high students of accredited schools in the state of Maryland.

The top winners will be the four boys or girls who receive the most votes in the contest. The top winner will be known as the "Student of the Year."

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A VOTING coupon, worth 100 votes, will be printed in the AFRO beginning with the April 11 edition and will be continued through editions dated June 17.

The student receiving the highest number of votes will be awarded a $500 cash prize. Second prize winner will receive $300, third place winner will receive $200 and the fourth place contestant will receive $100.

Fifth and sixth place winners will receive $50 each.

—SEE Contest, Page 2

'Circle' tavern bars Viet vet

A former Marine, in a sworn complaint to the Community Relations Commission, has charged that the Park Circle Tavern at 3412 Reisterstown Rd. refused to serve him Monday because he is colored.

John Cosby, 25, of 2837 Elgin Ave., said he entered the tavern, which sells food as well as beer and mixed drinks, while he was waiting for a local car dealer to check out his credit references on an auto he was purchasing.

Cosby said that a man who identified himself as the manager of the tavern, refused to sell him a bottle of beer.

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JERRY WOODS, director of compliance for CRC, said he has received Cosby's complaint and would begin an investigation.

Though Woods refused to comment on the specific issues in the Cosby case, he did tell the AFRO that the Maryland law prohibits discrimination in places of public accommodation but exempts businesses, such as taverns that sell more liquor than food.

Woods said that officers of the CRC make yearly investigations of the books of such establishments to determine the volume of business.

He said all complaints received are investigated.

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COSBY, WHO spent six years overseas with the Marine Corps, three of them in Vietnam, said he was very bitter about the incident.

"When I was in Vietnam, the Vietnamese would ask, 'Joe, why do you fight in my country when you are dis-

—SEE Tavern, Page 21

McKeldin signs 'rent subsidy'

Mayor McKeldin on Thursday quietly signed into law the "Rent Subsidy" ordinance passed by the City Council last week with a key vote from the Sixth District's Dominic Leone.

John Pica (D., 3rd), an opponent of the bill, had said on a television program this week that he planned to have the bill recalled from Mayor McKeldin and voted on again. Signing it blocks that step.

Boy, 16, charged in bank hold-up

A 16-year-old City College student and a young teller in her first hour on the job were the principal characters Tuesday in the bizarre holdup of a branch office of the Union Trust Co. in the 3800 block of Liberty Heights Ave. — the third such holdup there in recent months.

Charged with stealing $3,869 from the bank is Lloyd Phillip Simon, of the 2800 block Mohawk Ave.

After preliminary hearing in Northwestern Municipal Court Wednesday morning, the youth was released on just under $9,000 bail, and his case was sent to the grand jury.

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"IT WAS my first day on the job," the teller, Miss Deborah Nelson, 19, of the 3300 block Fairview Ave., said in the hearing.

She stated she had been in the teller's window "less than 45 minutes. He was my sixth customer."

Miss Nelson said she was passed a note which read, "Put it all in the bag or I'll kill you."

"I filled up the bag and handed it to him," she continued, "and before he went out the door I hit the alarm."

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WITHIN MINUTES after the 10:10 a.m. holdup, police had made an arrest.

Northwestern District Officer Charles Sinnot said he and fellow Officer Guy Covert were cruising two blocks from the bank when they spotted a suspect fitting the description broad-

—SEE Bank robber, Page 2

Hold student in Sears heist

A 17-year-old Douglass High School student Thursday had bail set at $12,000 and his case held for the grand jury on charges stemming from an attempted robbery at Sears in the Mondawmin Shopping Center the previous day.

In Northwestern Municipal Court Solomon H. Henson Jr., of the 2400 block Baker St., received $10,000 bail on the charge of attempting to rob cashier Mrs. Dorothy Duerr with a deadly weapon and $2,000 bail on two related charges.

The other charges were for striking special officer Albert D. Stormes with the butt of a sawed-off 12 gauge shotgun and for carrying a deadly weapon.

Mrs. Duerr told police a youth handed her a note asking for money and reading in part: "I have a shotgun. Don't say anything until I am gone. Thank you."

The suspect was apprehended in the store.

Students leaving safety course get chance to put training into action

Four sixth grade students, one an AFRO newsboy, and two Baltimore police officers, have been credited with saving the life of an 72-year-old Gold St. woman, Monday, when she ran from her home with her hair and clothes on fire.

The students, who are in the sixth grade class of Mrs. Mildred Harriday, a teacher at Public School No. 112, had been studying a unit on safety sponsored by the Baltimore City Fire Department.

Randolph Williams, 11, son of Mrs. Irene Talbot of 1523 Stricker St.; Ernest Jordan, 11, son of Mrs. Ann Jordan of 2206 Division St., Adrian Wilson, 11, son of Mrs. Ethel McDaniel of 1126 N. Calhoun St., and Gregory Richard, 13, an AFRO newsboy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Richard of 1717 W. Mosher St., were riding on a police department boy's club bus returning from a swimming party at Carver Vocational School.

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AS THE bus went by the 700 block of Gold Street Adrian looked out of a window and saw a woman, later identified as Mrs. Irene Lee, 82, of 707 Gold St., run from a building with her clothing in the front of the bus and and hair on fire.

Gregory said he heard Mrs. Lee scream, "Oh God, someone help me."

Randolph and Ernest ran to asked the driver. Officer James Dixon, to stop.

The four boys, Officer Dixon and Officer George Gilbert, who was also on the bus, ran out and threw Mrs.

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Powell's wife asks support

SAN JUAN, P.R. (UPI) — The wife of deposed Harlem Congressman Adam Clayton Powell has filed suit against him, demanding support for herself and their four-year-old son, it was reported today.

Attorneys for Mrs. Yvette Diago De Powell filed the suit in San Juan Superior Court asking for $1,200 a month in support money.