—Long raps

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strated by their bravery and leadership in combat that they are officer material?

Such opportunities are the hallmark of a true democracy, and in fact, we are now trying to persuade our Vietnamese allies to make battlefield promotions of their own able men, instead of confining officer candidacy to a social and educational elite.

2. Ar colored GIs given adequate opportunity to qualify for and enter the Officer Candidate Schools of each service? What specific steps are being taken to assist them?

3. How does the percentage of colored GIs in the Officer Candidate Schools compare with the percentage of colored GIs in each of the services?

4. Can the Defense Department support its claim that colored men who already are officers are promoted as fast as white officers with the same experience?

5. Why are there no Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) units at predominantly colored colleges? ROTC programs are a main source of college graduates for the officer corps.

SHORTLY after Rep. Long first wrote the Defense Department to protest lack of promotion opportunities for colored servicemen, he took the matter up in person with Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara — who indicated that he was concerned about the problem.

In view of this, Rep. Long said, the Defense Department's reply was particularly disappointing.

"It told only a small part of the story. It did not produce the blueprint for action expected by me to improve the situation of the average colored GI. Instead, the Defense Department only explained the difficulty of attracting colored college graduates into the armed forces," Rep. Long said.

"But the same day I received that Defense Department's inadequate reply, a letter arrived from a colored GI in Germany who is seeking transfer to Vietnam because 'gross disparities exist in the promotion of colored servicemen. A colored man will not make it here.'"

Rep. Long noted, however, "some improvement" in Armed Forces efforts to recruit colored for the military academies and for ROTC programs at colleges and universities.

THROUGH expanded recruiting programs in secondary schools in colored communities, the number of young colored men in Army, Navy and Air Force academies increased more than 2½ times between 1963 and 1966, the Defense Department told Rep. Long.

There were 34 colored men at the three academies in 1963, 48 in 1964, 56 in 1965, and 81 in 1966.

Army and Air Force ROTC units in predominantly colored colleges have been initiated by the Defense Department and incouraged to provide remedial instruction for those in Advanced Senior ROTC.

ROTC detachments at predominantly white schools have been requested to encourage colored students to participate.

The Defense Department also said there was an increase in the number of colored college students participating in the Navy ROTC program. There were 21 colored men enrolled during the 1962-63 school year, and 84 enrolled during the current academic year.

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IN HIS LETTER to the Defense Department, Rep. Long pointed out that the ability to enroll in a neighboring school's ROTC unit is no compensation for the lack of the Navy unit at a predominantly colored college.

Rep. Long said that the inconvenience of this "cross-enrollment" plan does not add to its effectiveness in raising the number of colored Navy officers.

-Contest opens

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and there will be 12 additional prizes of $25 each.

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-Safety course

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Lee to the ground in an attempt to smother the flames that had enveloped her clothing.

Randolph took off his jacket and used it to smother the flames.

This method, of handling a person with clothes on fire had been demonstrated in fire safety classes at the school.

AFTER THE students had put out the flames they hurried to a nearby fire box and waited there until a fire truck and ambulance arrived.

Mrs. Lee was rushed to Provident Hospital where she was treated for serious burns.

A hospital spokesman, Thursday, listed her condition as "critical."

MRS. HARRIDAY, the teacher, told the AFRO that she was very "proud" of the way in which her students responded to the emergency situation. And the parents of the students were equally proud.

"Why I am just so proud of my boys that I don't know what to do," Mrs. Harriday said.

"I think they are all heros."

Fire Department officials are still investigating the cause of the fire at Mrs. Lee's home. She has an invalid husband who was in an upstairs room at the time the accident took place.

A fire department official theorized that Mrs. Lee's clothing caught fire as she was cooking.

Adrian, Gregory, Randolph and Ernest told the AFRO they were glad they had participated in the safety course and felt that the training they received helped them to meet and cope with the situation.

-Two more

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instruction demonstration.

"Young lives are just being wasted away; mostly between the ages of 18 and 24," Mrs. Hall said sadly.

"Howard was a very jolly person, loved dancing and sports. He was an AFRO newsboy while in school.

"HE WAS engaged to a Carver classmate who graduated with him. They had planned their future.

"She is a business education sophomore at Virginia State College. They planned to get married after she graduates and he came out of the Marines.

"She has taken this very hard."

In addition to his parents, Cpl. Stevens is survived by two sisters, Misses Bernadette and Juanita Hall; and two brothers, Vernon Stevens and Anthony Hall.

LANCE CPL. Faison, who celebrated his 22nd birthday on a Vietnam battlefield last Friday, was killed by enemy gunfire two days later when his battalion was attacked in War Zone "C."

A former Catonsville High School student, he joined the Marine Corps in December, 1966.

He is the foster son of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron L. Yancey. He was a member of Catonsville's Morning Star Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Mr. Yancey is associate pastor.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Patricia Lane and Mrs. Linda Whitehead, of Catonsville; and a brother, William Faison, of Baltimore.

His father, Earl Faison Sr., also lives in Baltimore.

-Bank robber

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cast over police radio.

"He was walking, half running," the officer stated.

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—Assembly urged

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would have a vastly relieving effect for numerous military personnel with families stationed, for example, at Aberdeen, Edgewood Arsenal and Fort Meade, who because of race, long have experienced hardships in obtaining desirable off-base housing.

Ironically, the resolution slipped through in the final hours of the Assembly, while opponents to an open housing bill were directing their attentions to watering it down

It had been introduced with a flood of nearly 100 other measures that swamped the Senate on Feb. 28, last official day for introduction of bills.

Sponsors, in order in which they appear on SJR 47, are:

Senators Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th Balto.), Julian L. Lapides (D. 2nd Balto.), Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd (D. 4th Balto.), Frank J. McCourt (D. 2nd Balto.), Carl O. Priedler (D. 5th Balto.), Meyer M. Emanuel Jr. (D. Prince Georges), Margaret C. Schweinhaut and James Clark Jr. (both D. Howard-Montgomery).

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HERE IS how the pertinent parts of the resolution reads:

"Whereas, military personnel in this country have frequently encountered acts of discrimination in the availability of housing for military personnel, and;

"Whereas, it is a sad commentary on position of the United States in the world when military personnel cannot find off-base housing because of racial discrimination, and;

"Whereas, conditions of segregated housing have been investigated and reported to military commanders and to the Department of Defense, but it is obvious that there is no directive from the Secretary of Defense since segregated conditions still exist, and;

"Whereas, the time has now come when prompt action should be taken by the Secretary of Defense to order that all off-base housing available to military personnel shall be open to all military personnel, regardless of race, and;

"Whereas, the General Assembly of Maryland hereby strongly urges the Secretary of Defense to issue such a directive at once, now, therefore, be it;

"Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland that the Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara is requested to promptly order an end to segregation in off-base housing for military personnel, and be it further;

"Resolved that the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Maryland are urged to take all necessary action to urge Secretary McNamara to issue such a directive on segregated military housing."

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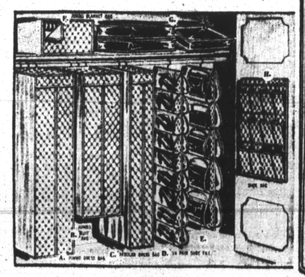

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MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY — These members of the People's Democratic Action Organization who make up the Membership Campaign Team met recently to plan strategy for the political club's pending membership drive. They are (seated from left) Mesdames Gwendolyn Ford, Lucille Kinlaw, Roseari Julian; Dr. Emerson Julian, campaign director; Mesdames Claudette Chandler and Mary A. Phillips. Standing: Thomas Stewart, Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd, club president; Mesdames Tillie Pair, Eunice Matthews, Dorothy Reddick, Juanita J. Mitchell, Lena Woods; Dennis Crosby and William Sykes.

DR. EMERSON R. JULIAN

NEW FACE IN MAYOR'S OFFICE is that of Mrs. Ophelia Fell, a secretary-stenographer. She lives at 803 Wilbert Ave., and has been employed at Baltimore's City Hall since Feb. 27. In background is Miss Mildred Gardner, a clerk-stenographer.

NAACP campaign underway here

The 1967 annual NAACP spring renewal membership campaign had its kick-off meeting at the Baltimore Branch Office, Tuesday night.

Harry L. Macer, campaign director, presented plans of action to a group of enthusiastic workers, for this special drive during the month of April.

Dr. J. E. T. Camper, physician, George L. Holloway Jr., International representative, Region 8, UAW, AFL-CIO, the Rev. C. L. Whitfield, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president, and others present stressed points and exchanged ideas with the workers relatives-relative to making this a smooth and effective operation.

Dr. John L. Tilley told of the NEA report on the "tragic neglect" of the public schools of Baltimore and of the disproportionate affects upon colored children.

Atty. Gerald Smith, consultant of the problem clinic which meets each Tuesday night, conferred with and counseled persons present.

The membership report included payments on life memberships.

Sen. Welcome concerned about Salisbury jail

Fourth District Senator Verda F. Welcome has received an anonymous complaint, this week, which she says only "tends to point up the deplorable conditions" that exist at a number of correctional institutions throughout the state.

The letter, apparently from a former inmate of the Salisbury jail, charges that prisoners are locked up all day with no opportunity for physical exercise, or access to even the commonest health facilities.

"If a man is sick," the writer of the unsigned letter wrote, "They won't let him see a doctor. When anybody comes here and is given 30 days they are kept past their time. You have to sleep on steel and when it's time to go to bed you don't have time to take a bath.

"There is nothing to do all day except sit on steel benches and play cards for 16 hours a day."

Sen. Welcome, who has served on the Prison Administration Committee said the Legislature will, at its next session, consider a plan to consolidate some of the smaller county jails and thereby clean up some of the conditions that have caused much concern in penal and legislative circles.

SPEAKER — Judge Robert B. Watts will be guest speaker at the Welcome Bouvier Ladies Club Musical Tea Sunday, 4 p.m., at the Madison Ave. YWCA.

Md. National, Charge-it join

Maryland National Bank and Charg-It of Baltimore, Inc. have entered into an agreement providing for the purchase of certain of the assets of Charg-it by the bank according to a joint announcement by Robert D. H. Harvey, chairman of the board of Maryland National, and Philip L. King, president of Charge-It.

The agreement, which is subject to the approval of stockholders of Charg-It, provides that Charg-It will sell all of its assets in the Maryland area to Maryland National.

The bank will also assume certain of Charg-It's liabilities. Charg - It of Florida, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the local company, will continue to be operated under its present management, Mr. Kling said.

In making the announcement, Mr. Harvey stated: "After considerable research of credit card services, we became convinced that the proposed acquisition provides for a sound, logical extension of Maryland National Bank's bank to offer this service."

New Provident plans unit for detoxification

New Provident Hospital will have a Detoxification Unit, according to a recent announcement by Charles Tildon, planning director.

The unit will provide treatment for patients who are intoxicated from alcohol and will serve also as a place where members of the medical staff can study signs and symptoms of the condition.

Mr. Tildon states that the department is the first of its kind to be instituted into a general hospital in Maryland, general hospital in Maryland.

ON THE special staff will be psychiatrists and other personnel trained in this specific area of medicine.

Mr. Tildon explains that the hospital is including the Detoxification Unit in order to provide care for the whole patient and not just segments of his illness when Provident moves to the new site on Liberty Heights Ave.

10,000 volunteer in cancer fight

Some 10,000 volunteers in Baltimore City have joined with more than two million fellow volunteers across the nation in launching a new attack on cancer.

Locally and nationally, according to Mrs. Joseph S. Kaufman, residential chairman of the 1967 Cancer Crusade for the Baltimore City Unit of the American Cancer Society, the attack promises to be the largest ever undertaken against the second most fatal disease in the United States.

The ACS begins its annual educational and fund-raising Crusade with the start of Cancer Control Month as designated by President Johnson.

Newsweek editor to speak at JHU

Chief European Correspondent and Senior Editor for Newsweek Magazine, will be the guest speaker at the annual Shapiro dinner for freshmen students in the program in International Relations at the Johns Hopkins University.

The dinner will be held Thursday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the Clipper Room of Shriver Hall.

Judge Russell sets another legal 'first'

JUDGE RUSSELL
Another 'first'

Supreme Bench Associate Judge George L. Russell Jr., holder of a string of legal "firsts," scored another one this week.

Judge Russell, the youngest jurist on the Supreme Bench and the first person of his race to achieve that judicial plateau here, will sit on the Court of Special Appeals during the week of April 24-28.

Chief Judge Hall Hammond of the Maryland Court of Appeals issued the order this week which sends Judge Russell to the newly - created Court of Special Appeals to hear and write opinions on criminal cases under appeal from the Supreme Bench.

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PRIOR TO his elevation to the bench, Judge Russell was the City and State Bar Association's expert on the law of search and seizure, and lectured to lawyers and students.

A member of those legal organizations and the Monumental Bar Association, the youthful judge was honored by the Yale University Law School last year when he was chosen to preside over its Moot Court.

He is a former member of the law firm of Brown, Allen, Watts, Russell, and Murphy, the only office to produce two judges of color.

The other one is Municipal Court Judge Robert B. Watts.

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An active civic, legal, and fraternal leader, Judge Russell is married to the former Miss Marian White. They have a son, George 3rd.

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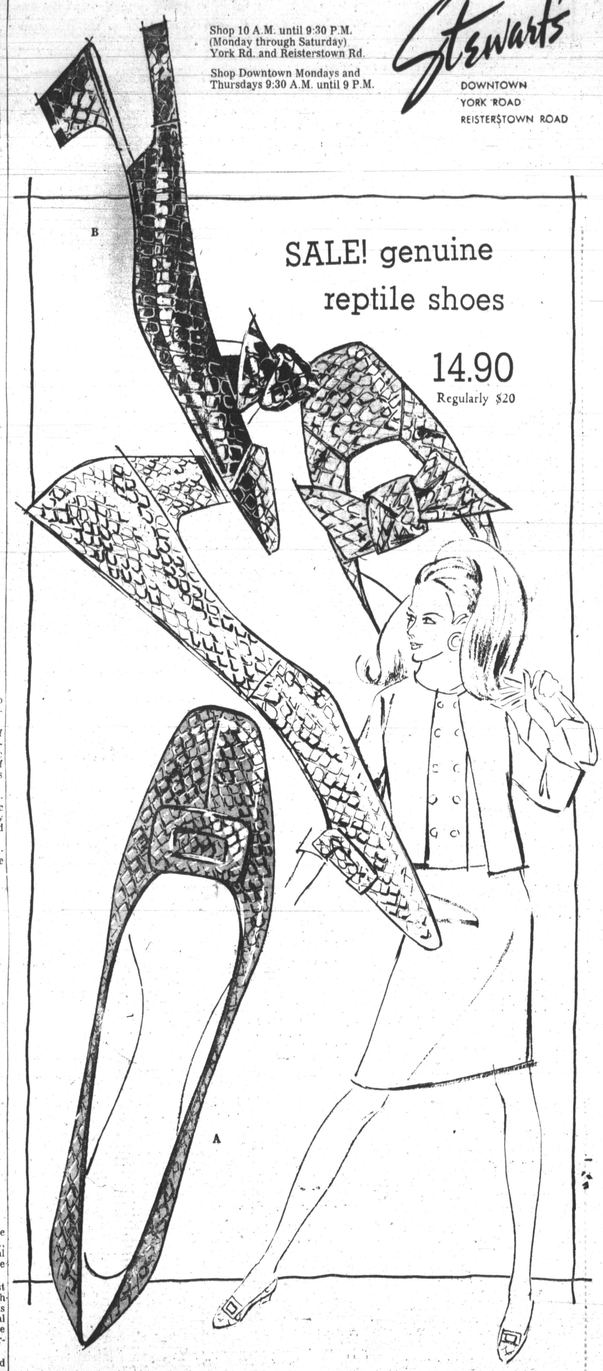

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