City's shameful schools: old, segregated, ill-staffed

By ROGER J. NISSLY

"The majority of the public school children in Baltimore are the children of the poor.

"These children live and go to school in the ghetto, where they are trapped by housing restrictions, poverty, and the rigid adherence to the neighborhood schools."

And it is these children, in the inner-city schools, who have been the object of "Tragic neglect" by school and city officials and citizens, the National Education Association charged Tuesday.

Among countless indictments of the school system, the NEA pointed out that there are more de facto segregated schools in Baltimore now than before the Supreme Court decision in 1954.

THROUGHOUT ITS report—authorized after the Public School Teachers Association invoked local sanctions nearly a year ago — the eight-member study committee points to the dangerous remnants of Baltimore's dual school system.

The 65-page report, released Tuesday, found the educational decay in the city has produced "ancient and dangerous" situations and declared that some schools should be closed immediately.

For this majority of school children, the report said, the city "needs a 'crash program' of building, staffing and programming schools in the slum areas."

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THE CRASH programs must be "so effective, attractive must be "so effective, attractiveness needs that they will turn these areas from hopelessness and frustration to areas of promise and enthusiasm for the future of the city."

Finding many schools "fire traps," the study committee charged that city officials have been aware of "these conditions in many schools" for more than 45 years and warned that "these officials will be held to account if the lives and well-being of many children are damaged or lost because of their neglect."

The report charged that the system favored a minority of well-off students, while the majority, including those in the inner city, were "being educationally starved."

"Past School Board budget requests presented to the city have been sadly deficient in giving a true picture of what the schools actually have needed in order to serve all of the children in Baltimore," the reported stated.

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AS EXAMPLES OF this neglect, the special committee of NEA's Commission on Professional Rights and Responsibilities pointed, that of 26 sites authorized for new schools in recent years only four are earmarked for the inner city.

Also: that most uncertified and inexperienced teachers (one out of eight does not have a college degree) are sent to slum schools.

And that a total of 84 schools are over 50 years old (the age when a school is considered educationally obsolescent). These buildings housed 57,675 children, or 28.5 percent of the total enrollment, Seventy percent of the children in these schools are colored.

In a 1951 school plant survey, 31 schools were listed as being "obsolete and unsatisfactory." Of these 25 are still in use. 15 of them for colored children.

Even earlier, in 1921, the Strayer report done by the Teachers College of Columbia

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School Board rejects bids on portables

The School Board yesterday voted to reject bids it had received for construction of 59 portable classrooms.

Reasoning that the two bids it had received for the construction were too few for competitive bidding, the board moved for a readvertisement of the project to benefit 11 elementary schools and four secondary schools.

It was pointed out the low bid of $1,580,000 was $282,000 over original estimates for the Federally funded project.

The two-week period allowed for the preparation of bids was too short, the board argued, requesting at least a three-week period in the next advertisement by the Board of Estimates.

Low bidder was the Bishop Construction Co.

In other action, the board heard architect's plans for Greenspring Junior High School, calling for four school-within-a-school to house 2,000 students.

The school will be located on Greenspring Ave., just north of Coldspring Lane.

The Board also noted the inspections being made of fire hazards in the schools by the Fire Department, with President Eli Frank Jr. stating the reports will be "fully followed with great speed."

Frank says board knew all in study

The National Education Association's critical report on Baltimore schools seemingly was prepared for its "shock value alone," School Board president, Eli Frank Jr., declared Wednesday.

After a first reading of the report, Mr. Frank conceded the "skillful assemblage . . . rocks the reader with its presentation of the deficiencies of our public school system."

The lengthy report charged Baltimore with a "tragic neglect" of its inner city school children.

The problems pointed out are the ones the School Board has known about and been working on "for years," Mr. Frank said, but the money to remedy them has not been forthcoming.

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HE COMPARED the report to a "sensational" Italian documentary film showing violence in Africa.

He quoted a magazine review of the movie, "Africa Addio," stating that "with a careful selection of film clips, an adroit director could make most parts of the world seem in the grip of terror — many far more so than Africa.

"Despite its lofty pretensions, the film has all too obviously been made for its shock value alone. As such, it is genuinely shocking. It is the value that is questionable."

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MR. FRANK said the School Board hopes to make a "good start" on the problems with its expanded budget this year, but "the result of years of cuts in our budget cannot all be obliterated in one year."

The Department of Education," he said, "has repeatedly pointed out the necessity for doing something about the very shortcomings of our system pointed out in NEA's report . . .

"The response has always been that the city cannot afford to move as fast as we have deemed essential."

The board president added that building classrooms to take pupils off part-time sessions has warranted priority over abandoning obsolete buildings "and thus compounding overcrowding.

"Right up to today we have never been able to get the funds needed to modernize or improve these obsolete buildings."

He stated that building schools in the inner city "turn into all sorts of delays."

Cut in school budget protested at hearing

"Why am I at City Hall today? I'm here because I don't want the Board of Estimates to cut one dime out of the school budget.

"I've been a PTA worker for many years. Two of my children have been through the system and two of my children are now in public schools.

"I know for a fact that you can't have decent schools unless you put the money where it will do the most good."

These comments by Mrs. Gilbert Banfield of 3706 Springdale Ave. were typical of the sentiment at City Hall Tuesday, when a group of Baltimore parents attended a Board of Estimates meeting on the proposed city school budget.

As Dr. M. Thomas Goedeke, associate superintendent of schools read a condensed version of the budget to the board, a group of pickets led by Baltimore Teachers Union president Dennis Crosby marched outside of city hall with placards promising May 10 teacher strike if salary increases are not included in the budget.

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MRS. BANFIELD who is president of the Forest Park High School PTA, was joined at the meeting by Mrs. William Brooks of 1034 W. Franklin St.

Mrs. Brooks, who has four children enrolled in Baltimore public schools told an AFRO reporter:

"We need the entire budget if the children are to have the books and other necessary tools for an adequate education in the public school system."

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, arriving late for the meeting, walked through the BTU picket line without com-

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Dr. Bard files for Con Con

Dr. Harry Bard, president of Baltimore Junior College, filed Wednesday as a candidate for the Constitutional Convention from the city's 5th District, an area which will have seven seats.

Dr. Bard was chairman of the Legislative Department Committee of the Constitutional Convention Enabling Commission.

In 1964, he served as chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Baltimore Charter Revision Commission, and was chairman in 1965 of the Baltimore City Councilmanic Redistricting Committee.

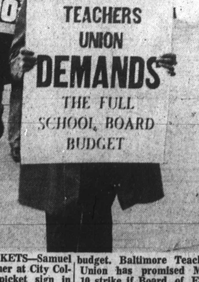
Dr. Bard announced that he has been encouraged by his college's board of trustees to serve as a delegate.

Dr. Arthur Madden, professor of philosophy at Mount St. Agnes College, is to be his campaign treasurer.

Dr. Bard said his aim is to assist in drafting a document which is fashioned to meet modern requirements and which sets up a structure of government that can cope with the serious problems of the next 100 years, and at the same time reflect the ethos of the people.

Another who has filed from the 5th District is Mrs. Anita M. Sterrette, 4145 Fairfax Rd.

Mrs. Sterrette, an employee of a chain food store, is president of the Forest Park Improvement Association and a member of the League of Women Voters.



BTU PICKETS—Samuel Banks, a teacher at City College carries picket sign in front of City Hall during demonstration to protest a proposed $6.8 million cut in the Department of Education's budget. Baltimore Teachers Union has promised May 10 strike if Board of Estimates refuses to restore original budget request. (Davis Photo).

John Murphy appointed to Morgan Board

BALTIMORE — John H. Murphy 3rd, president, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, has been appointed to the board of trustees of Morgan State College by Maryland's new Gov. Spiro T. Agnew.

He succeeds his late uncle, Dr. Carl Murphy, for the remainder of a nine-year term expiring May 31, 1972.

Dr. Murphy was chairman of the AFRO board and also for years chairman of the board of trustees at Morgan.

Gov. Agnew sent the nomination of Mr. Murphy to the Senate shortly before midnight Tuesday, as the General Assembly was in the process of preparing for adjournment.

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MR. MURPHY, 51, is a graduate of Temple University, where he received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1937.

He was a member of the Curlett Commission appointed by former Gov. J. Millard Taws to study revision of the state's system of higher education in 1961-62.

Mr. Murphy is currently a member of the Maryland Advisory Commission of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission.

He has been associated with the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers since his graduation from college, and has been president of the newspaper chain since 1961.

Mr. Murphy is married and has two children.

JOHN H. MURPHY 3rd.

Top 10 suspect arrested here

Besides recent quick apprehension of assorted bank robbers, the Baltimore Police Department added the capture of a man from the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" list to their accomplishments this week.

Clarence Wilbert McFarland, 34, convicted bank robber and escaped Federal prisoner, was arrested by officers of the Northern District shortly after 7 p.m. Tuesday.

His arrest came on suspicion of burglary in the 2400 block N. Charles St.

McFARLAND, WHO fled from confinement last September in Rockville, first claimed to be a James Moore, until fingerprints disclosed his identity.

McFarland had been confined to the Montgomery County Detention Center in Rockville following a conviction in Washington, D.C. for bank robbery and illegal possession of firearms.

He was added to the FBI's list on Dec. 22, 1966.

The escapee reportedly used a hacksaw blade, smuggled into him in a shoe, to saw a bar from his cell window.

He then allegedly used the bar to pry open a heavy wire window screen which permitted him access to an exercise yard and scaled a 12-foot wall.

Eastside gets Legal Aid unit

Sen. Joseph D. Tydings, will be guest speaker 10 a.m. Monday at the official opening of Legal Aid East.

Legal Aid East will be located at 622 Aisquith St. Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin will introduce the guest speaker.

Legal Aid East is the second of the Neighborhood Legal Services Offices to be opened under the Community Action Agency.

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IT WILL provide a service PROVIDE A SERVICE of ice of vigorous advocacy and legal representation to residents of East Baltimore who cannot afford to retain the services of a private attorney.

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IT WILL be staffed by fulltime attorneys of the Legal Aid Bureau as well as by volunteer attorneys of the Bar Association.

The office will be opened Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday morning hours are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This legal Services Office joins a number of already existing facilities and programs of the Community Action Agency in this area.

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TILGHMAN A. PITTS JR. is president, Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., which conducts the Centers in Cooperation with CAA.

MEET "MISS MAYOR"—Miss Bernice Washington, Dunbar High senior, is the newly-elected Youth Mayor for the 14th Annual Model City Council of Baltimore. Here, she shares joke with advisor James Addy, Dunbar history teacher.

Group to cite contributions of race people

Citizens from Annapolis and the surrounding area have instituted a Program for American Cultural Enrichment, called PACE.

It is designed to make children of both races aware of the contributions that colored persons have made.

Fifth grade students will be involved in this pilot project. The PACE sessions will be held on six consecutive Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., April 15 to May 20.

Headquarters for the PACE project is the United Church of Christ, in Wilelinder Estates, a half a mile south of

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New 'mayor' was once afraid to make talks

The new "mayor" of Baltimore City is 18 year old, stands five feet seven, weighs 130 pounds, and wears size 12 clothes.

She is Miss Bernice Washington, 1635 Normal Ave., a senior at Dunbar High School.

She was elected to reign as mayor of Baltimore during the 14th annual Model City Council, sponsored by the Department of Education, the mayor and the City Council.

Miss Washington received the highest number of votes among a total of 52 cast by representatives of six public high schools in Baltimore on March 10.

When she takes over her role as mayor next month, she will take the oath of office, then deliver a speech on problems facing the city.

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THE YOUTH mayor will make recommendations to the Model Council for needed legislation, submit bills for Council action, and participate in discussions on proposed laws.

At the end, the mayor of course, will sign any bills that make their way through the Council.

Miss Washington (middle name, Elizabeth) is the second mayor to be elected from Dunbar. The first was in 1965.

At Dunbar she is considered a good student, striving hard to successfully complete her final year of high school.

She is employed under the

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NEW HOUSING PROGRAM — Under a newly initiated Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency program, this house at 824 Edmondson Ave. has been leased from the open market to become the home of a couple and their ten children who were unable to get project housing.

Leased housing project initiated by BURHA

The first of an authorized 250 units of leased housing has been taken by the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency to supplement its public housing program for low income families.

This is a new program for the city, in which the Department of Housing and Urban Development has authorized BURHA $278,000 to lease housing on the private market.

This housing is then rented to families on the BURHA waiting list for public housing at the rates they would pay in a project, while the agency picks up the tab for the difference the units would bring on the open market.

There are about 3,000 families waiting for public housing, a BURHA spokesman revealed.

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THIS FIRST leased housing is in the 800 block Edmondson Ave., and goes to a fami-

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8 picked for jury duty; a new record

With two cases pending in Criminal Court challenging the system of selecting grand and petit jurors, the AFRO noticed a recent rise in numbers of colored citizens on the various panels.

On Monday a Petit jury sitting on a rape case had eight colored jurors.

A two-way implication may involve recent challenges that a dual standard of justice has existed in the past when the defendant charged with rape is a colored man.

The alleged prejudicial method of jury selection has been laid at the feet of the Supreme Bench.

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EVIDENCE produced in court on the two jury-selection cases claims racial prejudice has influenced "picking and choosing" in the past to the extent that rarely, if ever, have more than four colored persons served on any one jury.

Motions on file ask that all charges against the particular defendants be dismissed since an illegally constituted grand jury cannot hand down a fair indictment.

Tucker Dearing, Nelson Kandel and James W. McAllister, filing such motions for

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OEO deputy to address Md. session

S. Edward Smith, executive director of the Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity, has announced that Bertrand M. Harding, deputy director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, will be guest speaker at the luncheon session on April 13, of the Governor's Conference on the War Against the "Causes of Poverty."

The two-day conference sponsored by the Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity to be held on April 13-14, at the Holiday Inn-Downtown will feature a series of panel discussions on health, housing, loans, education and manpower, with experts in these fields from federal, state and local agencies.

Mr. Smith emphasized that the conference is directed to exploring deeper into the causes of poverty and into the efforts thus far in the State of Maryland to eliminate these causes.

He said the general public is encouraged to attend and that registration information may be obtained from the Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity, 301 W. Preston St.

Register to vote now

If you have not registered to become eligible to vote, you may do so now.

Who should register?

Those persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more — and are not yet registered to vote.

Where to register—Supervisors of Elections, ground floor, People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Hours you can register — Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The books are also open now for change of address or change of party affiliation.

Voter registration van in Elections Bd. budget

As matters now stand, Baltimore's Supervisors of Elections will have its own voter registraton van on the streets this summer.

A provision for the purchase of the van is in the agency's budget now before the Board of Estimates.

It will remain there, unless sliced later by the City Council in its review of the budget.

This means, should the allotment be allowed to stand, that Elections officials will be able to set up a mobile registration station quickly and inexpensively at any desirable section of the city.

Such action will allow the agency to take advantage of crowds that gather for events, and thus make voter registration easily accessible for those not on the books.

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THE VOTER registration van proposal was the work of Marshall W. Jones Jr., Supervisors of Elections Board member, and Lloyal Randolph, the agency's assistant chief clerk.

Elections officials had requested $10,000 for the purchase and renovation of a van to become the permanent property of the agency.

However, the city's Finance Department granted $3,000 instead, when the Purchasing Bureau located a vehicle that could be bought and fitted for that price.

When the van is obtained and put in use, it will boost Baltimore to a forefront city in the matter of facilitating voter registration.

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Candidates may withdraw through April 28, 1967. The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall remain open during its regular above mentioned hours except on April 26, 27 and 28 when the office will remain open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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JUDGE RAPPED FOR 'DISH WASHING' RULING

By STERLING A. PAIGE

In Juvenile Court last Friday, Master John O'Grady berated a working mother for making her 15-year-old son wash dishes and scrub the bathroom.

"These are not chores for boys," Mr. O'Grady said. "Boys want to be thought of as men and respected as men."

He ordered the mother to do these things herself, saying: "I don't know why you made this boy perform such womanly duties in the first place.

"No wonder he became ungovernable. You used bad judgement."

The family has no girls, and the father told the court he expected the teenager to wash dishes and do all sorts of chores "whether for women or not."

The father, like the mother, disagreed with the judgment of the court.

THE AFRO'S Inquiring Reporter talked to Baltimoreans to get their opinions as to who should do the dishes and such chores.

Marshall W. Jones, mortician and member of the Board of Election Supervisors, 1735 Harford Ave.:

"Boys need to have tasks to do and share in the duties of a home. Kids must learn some responsibility.

"When I was a boy, I not only washed dishes and scrubbed floors. I also made biscuits and cooked meals.

"It never hurt me. I never became impudent because of that."

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The Rev. Vernon Dobson, pastor of Union Baptist Church and former probation officer, 3401 Cedardale Rd.

"Boys are children nevertheless. I don't make that distinction among my own children. My parents had me doing it.

"It was part of my training, washing dishes, cleaning the house and everything. I have never regretted it.

"Work serves as a discipline. Obedience to one's parents is all important.

"Nobody has a right to interfere with the right of parents to give duties to their children.

"Parents fall children when they fail to give them real responsibility."

Mrs. Ruth Spann, wife of a minister and co-proprietor of a baking business, 3306 Auchentoroly Ter.:

"It is everybody's home. Why should not everyone contribute to keeping it neat?

"We have three boys and one girl. My boys did the dishes and other things you might say are girls chores. They never complained.

"Sometimes there were too many other things for the girl to do. They all had to share in the work.

"Children must learn obedience. That is one of the first things."

Mamley Williams, 15-year-old student, 1614 Booker Ct.:

"I think boys should wash dishes. I wash them sometimes. I don't mind. Some boys grow up and don't get married. They should know how to wash dishes without breaking them."

James Dill, 15, student,

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Girl Editors Tell Dailies How It Is
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Baltimore Afro-American
Seventy-fifth Anniversary

Harlem Keeps Faith With Adam Powell
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Teenager Slain Near Parked Auto

Cash, adults lure teens to prostitution

Last week when a 15-year-old girl was sent to the House of Good Sheperd, Juvenile Court Master John O'Grady considered an unusual prostitution ring involving teenaged girls as broken up.

The girl has promised to reveal the name of a woman who "hired" her and other girls and took half of their lucrative pay as her share.

She has also promised to tell court authorities the location of motel headquarters and may later testify when a taxi cab driver comes up for trial in Criminal Court.

According to Master O'Grady, the sex ring situation is a dangerous one, headed by adults, and decidedly detrimental to the health and future of the teenagers.

He said after the girls, "flashing their eyes and hips, taste the wine of plenty money the various cases are hard to crake."

The grown woman, farming out the girls, is committing a great wrong, he added.

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THE CASE that came before the court Friday found the 15-year-old girl shedding tears before Mr. O'Grady for more than half an hour.

She said, "I didn't mean to be bad." and pleaded not to be returned to Montrose School for Girls.

Adding she wanted to be good, she pleaded to be al-

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Wife went back to her mother

William Wilson III, 18, 3600 block Coolidge Ave., said in divorce court this week that his wife, Mrs. Loretta Wilson, 19, left him and moved back to her mother's home across the street to end their marriage after only two months.

Mr. Wilson's petition for divorce was filed by his father, William Wilson Jr., on Nov. 12, 1966. Judge Edward Wolfe signed the decree on April 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married Feb. 25, 1965, and, he told the court, without just cause she deserted him the following April 13 although he had been a chaste and affectionate husband.

In testimony April 3, before Circuit Court No. 2 Master William C. Baxter, his mother stated, "Yes, she left him. She said she was going back to her mother."

In a court order accompanying the decree Mr. Wilson agreed to pay $10 a week to his wife for the support of their infant daughter. He was granted permission to visit the child at reasonable times.

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This coupon and four more, totalling 500 votes, will enter you in the AFRO's Third Annual Student of the Year Contest.

With that you are on your way toward a top prize of $500.

The contest — which just began on Tuesday, so there is still time to make sure you are among the early leaders —is open to all junior and senior high school students in accredited schools in Maryland.

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FIRST BALLOTS were printed on Tuesday. Those can be added to the ones in today's papers and mailed or brought to the AFRO at 628 N. Eutaw St. to assure a place in the contest.

There is a total of $1,500 in cash just waiting to be divided among 18 students by the contest's end with the issue of June 17.

The closing day will be just in time to help with a whale of a summer vacation.

Or to help with cash for college, cash for clothes (all those smart new summer duds) or cash to spend any way you like.

Second through eighteenth places in the contest also carry with them big summer cash bonuses.

Here's the list: Second, $300; Third, $200; Fourth, $100; Fifth and Sixth, $50 each and $25 for each of the next 12 winners.

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WITH ALL that loot, it's hard to lose. So why lose out?

Hungry for cash, glory, excitement, fun? Join the AFRO Student of the Year Contest. You may be our $500 summer bonus baby and Student of the Year.

You can vote as many times as you wish and collect all the ballots you want.

Muslims sue for religious rights in Pen

Religious freedom for Muslim members of the Islamic faith confined to the Maryland Penitentiary will come before the U.S. District Court here on May 1.

Federal Judge Frank A. Kaufman will preside at the Civil trial at the Main Post Office building.

The original complaint was filed Dec. 21, 1966 and amended March 20 this year by attorneys William B. Somerville and Douglas G. Worrall on behalf of the complainant, Johnie K Boyd, a member of the Islamic faith now confined to the Pen.

The action is directed against William C. White, acting Commissioner of Correction and Roger B. Cullinger, Pen warden.

IN THE document, Mr. Boyd, a resident of Howard County, claims Warden Cullinger has been placed in solitary confinement because of his religion.

He states he has been systematically harassed, intimidated, persecuted and accused of nefarious crimes without basis, according to the anti-Islamic policy set by the Commissioner.

In addition, the prisoner states he is allowed to attend his own religious services, wear Islamic medals, receive their literature or eat their diet.

He has thus been deprived of religious freedom although all other religious faiths have been provided places of worship, ministers, altars, prayer books and Bibles at the expense of the Penitentiary.

THE U.S. COURT has been asked to restrain the Maryland correctional institution from further denying Boyd and other members of the Islamic faith practice of their religion.

The District Court has also been requested to require correctional authorities to provide at the state's expense a place of worship; a minister of the Islamic faith; an office to which prisoners may go for personal counseling with the minister; a diet which meets the requirements of the faith on Islamic holidays; the right to attend religious services of their choice regardless of faith.

In addition, the court is also asked to rule that members of the Islamic faith be permitted to join the general prison population and not be committed to solitary confinement because of religious belief.

And, that Pen officials cease and desist from accusing Boyd of various crimes unless he is indicted for them.

MISS JOAN PETTY (Second Place) (See Story on Page 11)

Prize winners in hair styling at the Spring Trade and Beauty Show of the Master Beauticians Association

MRS. LOIS JAMES AND MISS ALACICE McNEAL, model (First Place)

Car's owner is charged in shooting

By ROGER J. NISSLY

Gunned down on an East Baltimore street where an auto had been tampered with shortly before midnight Wednesday, a 16-year-old high school dropout died before reaching Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Angelo C. Hines, of the 100 block Cliftview Ave., fell in an alley to the rear of the 1600 block of N. Washington St. on his stomach with a bullet wound in the left shoulder, police said.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at Hopkins at 11:35 p.m.

Eastern District police indicated that an automobile parked in the same block had been tampered with by several youths.

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OWNER OF the car, James L. Lee, 29, a laborer of the 1600 block N. Washington St., has been charged with the teenager's murder.

He was ordered held without bail for a date and time to be set by the state's attorney by Judge I. Sewell Lamdin in Central Muncipal Court Thursday morning.

Mr. Lee was arrested at the scene of the shooting.

Officers John Antlitz and Carmello Curreri said a 1961 convertible was parked in the block. The left door of the car was standing open and an eight-inch screwdriver was recovered on the right front seat, according to police.

The car, police said, was registered in Mr. Lee's name.

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BY THE front door of the auto officers located a fresh indentation in the street that they believed was caused by a spent bullet but the bullet was not recovered.

Taken as evidence by police was a .38 cal. special CTG revolver. It contained two spent cartridge cases and two live shells, police reported.

Among the dead youth's effects police listed no weapons.

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MOTHER OF the youth, Mrs. Pearl Hines, said her son was an "average teenager" who "never would go looking for trouble."

"The police said about five or six kids ran," Mrs. Hines stated. "I know he wouldn't run if he thought he was in the right."

She observed her son was an industrious youth who had a job and did not "need to steal."

Mrs. Hines, a nurses' aide at City Hospitals, said young Angelo was never in trouble and may have "just been with the other boys."

He was bashful, she said, and had only several close friends.

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DURING THE summers, and since he left school, An-

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Redistricting faces court

The U.S. District Court case of Councilman Larry S. Best (3rd D.) against the Modified Bard Plan, establishing new councilmanic districts for the city, will be heard May 1 before Judge Roszel C. Thomsen.

Councilman Best's suit charged that the redistricting plan was drawn to favor colored voters over white, among other things.

Voters at the polls last November approved the Bard Plan overwhelmingly, while rejecting one proposed by Mr. Best which had passed the City Council.

Archie D. Williams, attorney, who with Frank J. Ellis as his client upset an earlier councilmanic redistricting edict, will be sitting in on the case also.

The Best case was filed under banner of one still open by Mr. Williams.

However, Mr. Williams said Thursday evening he would take no part in the case, unless the court rules out the Modified Bard Plan. Should this occur, he said he wanted to be in a position to formulate his own plan of action.

SNCC denies starting riot

JACKSON, Miss. — SNCC head Stokely Carmichael denied this week that he was responsible for riots in Nashville last week, recommended that draftees refuse to fight, and promised that white churches would be burned too.

He told 700 Mississippi College students Tuesday night that "white cops" were responsible for three nights of rioting at Nashville, Tenn.

AT LEAST 17 persons were injured, two from gunfire, during the three nights of violence in an area centered around three colored colleges. Eighty persons were arrested.

Carmichael, who made several appearances in Nash-

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POVERTY'S FACE—CLOSEUP

Unmet family needs rich nation's shame

By MICHAEL DAVIS
(Final of 4 Parts)

It was Chicago's poet, Carl Sandburg, who wrote:

Give me hunger,
you gods that sit and give,
The world its orders.
Give me hunger, pain and want,
Shut me out with shame and failure
From your doors of gold and fame,
Give me your shabbiest, weariest hunger.

But leave me a little love

. . .

"A lot of strange things go on in a slum like this," said a Baltimore police officer, who last summer was assigned to a special unit that worked with ghetto youngsters.

The basic problem is pret-

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New Mitchell plan for McKeldin ticket

By MAX JOHNSON
AFRO Political Analyst

Top brass supporters of the Republicans' Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin for reelection this fall have pounded on a legality in the election laws, by which they hope to entice Farren W. Mitchell to the City Council presidency on the mayor's ticket.

The Democrats' Mr. Mitchell, head of the city's Community Action Agency, has thus far blown warm and now cold on this candidacy idea.

The mayor's key supporters now think they have an enticer.

They plan to leave the Council presidency spot vacant on the GOP McKeldin ticket for the September primary.

Afterwards, the Republican brass hopes to nominate Mr. Mitchell for the post — setting a McKeldin-Mitchell ticket for the November general.

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AMBROSE T. HARTMAN, deputy city solicitor, sees this angling as quite legal.

The party, he said, may nominate a person for a vacancy on its ticket for the general election, provided such a person took no part in the primary, regardless of party.

Mayor McKeldin's strategists look forward to two key enticers for Mr. Mitchell with this legal maneuver:

1. This would not disturb his party affiliation, a change he might be reluctant to make at this time;

2. The Republican draft call prior to the general would allow him an evaluation of that party's unity behind his candidacy, coupled with that of his own party.

Whether this could move Mr. Mitchell from his present coldness remains to be seen.

He has not completely closed the door on the City Council president candidacy on the McKeldin ticket, but currently speaks in terms of "a monumental circumstance" needed to so away him.

McKeldin strategists think they have such a circumstance.

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ON THE Democratic side of the mayoral slate, partially shaped at this point, matters are no brighter.

Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd, Council president, is bidding for his party's nomination for mayor, with William D.

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King answers NAACP on war

ATLANTA (UPI) — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. today charged the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with helping to create the "myth" that he favors fusing the civil rights and peace movements.

"I hold no such view," King declared in a statement released by his Southern Christian Leadership Conference headquarters. King himself was in Los Angeles today, SCLC said.

"I am saddened that the Board of Directors of the NAACP, a fellow civil rights organization, would join in the perpetuation of the myth about my views," King said. "They have challenged and repudiated a non-existent position."

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KING IN several speeches had advocated merging the "fervor" of the civil rights movement into the peace movement. The Nobel Peace Prize winner has been a strong critic of U.S. Vietnam policy.

He said there could be no doubt that the Vietnam war was hurting civil rights progress.

"LOUD AND RAUCOUS voices have already been raised in Congress and elsewhere suggesting that the nation cannot afford to finance a war against poverty and inequality on an expanding scale and a shooting war at

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A CRISIS ON THE 'SHO

Profile of a president: the man in the middle

By GEORGE W. COLLINS
AFRO City Editor

(EDITOR'S NOTE: First of a series of four articles on the past, present, and future of Maryland State College in Princess Anne on the Eastern Shore.)

Princess Anne—Dr. John Taylor Williams is a gentle man. He's tall (6' 3½") and debonair.

He has a military bearing and an easy manner. Although a generous shock of silver hair adorning his erect head is thinning, he still radiates a touch of youthful handsomeness.

Dr. Williams gives every indication that he is an educator. Perhaps that's because he is.

Since taking a bachelor's degree in English and sociology in 1928 from Langston University, in Langston, Okla., the native of "Indian

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Rocky bid, Ho talk seen in '68 ball

ORANGEBURG, S.C. (UPI) — Newspaper columnist Drew Pearson made two predictions for 1968 Monday night in a speech at Claflin College.

Pearson predicted that true negotiations in the Vietnam war will begin "some time in 1968" and the Republican presidential candidate in 1968 will "Probably be Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York.

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