What every ConCon candidate should know before April 28

By MAX JOHNSON
AFRO Political Analyst

Many who have filed for Maryland's Constitutional Convention are likely to be in for a rude awakening, should they win delegates seats.

Those who are envisioning a glamorous role are going to find just the opposite.

There will be little glamor about the monumental job they will be called on to perform.

There will be, instead, lots of hard work, tedious study in most instances.

There will be little opportunity, if any, for dodging responsibilities.

Work will begin for the successful candidates immediately following the June 13 special election, and continue in the summer months through the Convention itself which convenes Sept. 12.

These candidates will face an enormous work load of preparatory study, necessary studies.

H. Vernon Eney, chairman, and the Constitutional Convention Enabling Commission are preparing a listing of such studies.

They will be sent to each of the 142 delegates elected, and each delegate will be expected to familiarize himself, with the contents of each publication.

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HERE ARE some of them the delegates will be obligated to study during the summer vacation months:

1. A 300-page volume on constitutional problems of revising the Constitution, by the Convention Commission.

2. A supplemental volume of research papers on various subjects of Constitutional revision, such as qualifications for legislators, voting age, etc.

3. Another volume to contain stenographic testimony given to the Commission by leading and former top governmental officials, including that of former Governors William Preston Lane Jr. and J. Millard Tawes.

4. A volume containing debates of the Commission on various Constitutional issues.

5. A copy of the state budget for the delegate to learn how it is drawn, what it contains.

6. A copy of the state comptroller's report.

7. A copy of the Maryland Manual.

8. A copy of the judicial administrative report.

9. The National Municipal League's publication on a Model State Constitution.

10. An index to states' Constitutions.

11. Issues of state Constitutional revisions.

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THESE ARE some of the study materials to be furnished the elected delegates with which they are expected to be familiar by the time the Convention convenes in September.

Mr. Eney sees this as a prime necessity, if the delegates are to function efficiently and properly represent their constituents who elected them.

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THEN COMES the work of the Convention itself, of which Mr. Eney is likely to be named chairman.

Matters will get under way on a five-day work week basis.

The Convention will be broken down into committes covering various subject matters. Each will hold open hearings, with stenographic reports on the proceedings.

As matters progress closer to the Dec. 12 adjournment date, there are envisioned by Mr. Eney six-day work weeks, with day and night sessions.

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HERE ARE some of the qualifications the Constitutional Commission chairman envisions a desirable delegate should have:

1. He ought to be educated so he can read, study and understand, but does not necessarily need to be a college graduate.

2. He should be vitally interested in government

3. He should be somebody not afraid of hard work, who can leave his job for the 90-day period.

4. He should have patience and ability to listen to whatever is projected, without emotional outbursts.

5. He should be able to compromise opposing views, without compromising principle.

6. He should be practical with his feet on the ground, and realize he cannot always win on an issue.

Candidates might ask themselves, not only do they think they really qualify but, are they prepared to face the hard task ahead, should they win.

Delegates may earn up to $4,500 for the 90-day Convention period.

Filing deadline is 9 p.m. today (Friday).

Withdrawal date is next Friday, and the $50 filing fee is refundable.

MEMORIAL — Brent O. Gunts, (left) vice president and general manager of WBAL-TV, presents $10,000 donation to Charles Tildon, director, Provident Hospital Development Program. The donation from the Hearst Foundation was given in memory of Dr. Carl Murphy, AFRO publisher, who died Feb. 25. The memorial will be used to provide two private rooms in the new hospital. Looking on are Alfred E. Burk, vice president and general manager of WBAL Radio and Mrs. Loretta Winfrey, director of Provident In Service Education.

Woman held in slaying of 'husband'

A 33-year-old woman who said her common - law husband threatened her with a ten-inch butcher knife and a large kitchen fork has been charged with shooting him to death in their apartment Tuesday night.

Mrs. Mary Thomas, of the 1700 block Bolton St., was ordered held without bail Thursday morning in Central Municipal Court for a preliminary hearing on a date to be set by the state's attorney.

Central district police responded to the couple's third floor apartment after 7 p.m. Tuesday to find the man lying face down on the living room floor.

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ROLAND MASON, 36, of the same address, was pronounced dead at the scene by an ambulance crew shortly after police arrived.

Police said a .22 cal. short EIG revolver found at the scene had been fired several times.

Central District Officers Robert MacKenzie and Joseph Swigar said they were given entrance to the apartment by Mrs. Thomas' 14-year-old son.

Police were told that the victim had been drinking and entered the apartment about a half hour earlier yelling and cursing and making threats to the woman and her son.

The man reportedly picked up a butcher knife and grabbed the woman, gesturing to her that he would "cut out your heart."

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THE WOMAN broke away, but was later advanced upon with a kitchen fork, the police report of the incident says.

Also listed as witnesses in the case are another son, 15 years old, of the charged woman and her 62-year-old father.

Police said they were notified of the incident by one of the sons who was sent by his mother to a second floor apartment to make the call.

2 form 6th D. ConCon team

Mrs. Thelma Brown Bailey, 108 W. Montgomery St., a Republican judge in the 22nd Ward for the past 30 years, has filed for the Constitution Convention from the city's 6th District.

Mrs. Bailey joins with Mrs. Madeline W. Murphy, 3217 Round Rd., a Democrat and prominent civic leader, who filed last week as a non-partisan representative of the Cherry Hill area.

Together they will campaign to give the race possible representation in the seven-seat allotment for the 6th District.

Out of the 2nd District came announcement by Paul J. Cockrell, head of the Associated Civic Democratic Councils, that his organization plans to file a complete slate of eight candidaes, that district's allotment of seats.

Three who have filed, all board members of that organization, are:

Washington E. Jones, Titus Garnett Jr. and Frederick D. Harville.

Young tough is arrested

Police officers Harry McDonald and Leroy Moody were credited with bringing into Juvenile Court a 15-year-old youth who for many months terrorized an unestimated number of school children robbing them in the morning as they were on the way to class.

The youth jerked free from a policeman when he was in Juvenile Court in January.

He escaped capture two months and went back in operation around schools from Pennsylvania Ave., west and Franklin St., north.

His victims were mostly elementary school children, smaller than he and younger.

Known to police officers and hundreds of children as "Snooks," he was termed a "bad egg" as parents and even larger boys feared him.

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ACCORDING TO Master Bernard McDermott who

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Will school plan slow integration?

By ROGER J. NISSLY

The School Board yesterday approved plans for distribution of students in junior high schools and high schools, with no thought to furthering integration in the schools.

Aimed at eliminating shifts and overcrowding in the schools, the plan includes some geographical stipulations.

The Board was forced to drop all geographical districting — a reinforcement of de facto segregation — in 1963.

Though the local Department of Education has been urged in recent reports by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and the National Education Association to plan for increasing integration in its schools, the plan approved yesterday incorporates no feature toward this end.

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INSTEAD, the plan, to some observers, appears as if it may undo some integration that has taken place.

The lone School Board member who voted against it, Philip Macht, stated his opposition to its "potential" as a "districting plan."

He said he felt it more important to keep the "freedom

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Brooke seeks end to differences in promotions for servicemen

Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R., Mass.) has joined the fight to end discrimination in service promotions.

In talking to servicemen and reporters in Vietnam on a recent tour of the war area Sen. Brooke found there "apparently was some discrimination in promoting" colored fighting men.

At Johns Hopkins University here this week for a lecture, he told a press conference there appear to be differences both in promotions to higher ranks and duty areas.

"I'd like to see all these things ended," he declared.

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BROOKE SAID he thought the disproportionate number of colored fighting men and deaths resulted from the fact that they enlist and re-enlist faster than whites.

However, it is this re-enlistment rate and the Defense Department's own figures showing relatively no differences in the educational level of white and colored servicemen that has been a key point in Cong. Clarence D. Long's battle for action on promotions.

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LAST TUESDAY Congressman Long announced the Defense Department had agreed to answer five more questions he asked after getting an earlier reply on the matter of promotions.

The questions Congressman Long wants answered now are:

1. Are we making battlefield promotions of colored GI's who do not have college degrees but have demonstrated 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. Are colored GI's given adequate opportunity to qualify for and enter the Officer Candidate Schools of each service? What specific steps

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She laid down law, he packed and left

She laid the law down and he walked out, thus ending the marriage of Mrs. Wilhelmina Brown of 2863 Edgecombe Cir., and Jerry Brown of 1617 E. Chase St.

A divorce decree and custody of their two children were granted to the wife in Circuit Court No. 2, Friday.

Mrs. Brown testified that she and her husband had separated previously, when he left her for another woman. He came back, she said, and then she found that he was still seeing the woman, and that they had an apartment together.

"I told him that either he was going to stay with me and be a father and husband, or he could just leave us alone. He packed his clothes and left," Mrs. Brown said.

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"MY HUSBAND left me and went back to his former girl friend, Mildred. He has set up housekeeping with her on Mt. Holly St.," Mrs. Betty Jo Murray testified, Thursday.

"I learned about it from Percy Harcum, who is my witness here, today. When I told my husband what I had learned from this witness, he admitted his guilt," she said.

Mr. Harcum testified that he had visited the Mt. Holly St. residence on several occasions, and that Mr. Harcum and the young woman were living there. He added that the latter had adopted the name of "Murray."

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WINNING divorces on grounds of voluntary separation were John P. Moss from Mrs. Christine Moss, Edward D. Johnson from Mrs. Betty C. Johnson and Mrs. Anna L. Holt from Francis L. Holt.

Mrs. Holt, whose mailing address was given as 1028 Elliott Drwy., was given custody of their child.

The marriage which took place on April 12, 1957, ended on March 17, 1960.

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MR. JOHNSON testified that after giving it serious thought, he and Mrs. Johnson decided that it would be to the best interest of both to separate.

She left on Jan. 8, 1946, he said. They were married on Nov. 1, 1943.

Mrs. Holt won the decree which ended her marriage to Francis L. Holt of 1334 W. Lafayette Ave.

Her address was listed as 2432 Linden Ave. They were married on May 9, 1955 and separated on Jan. 4, 1963.

Agnew to sign housing bill

Maryland's general open housing bill, passed at the recent session of the General Assembly, will be signed into law today Friday) in Annapolis by Gov. Spiro T. Agnew.

It will be among a host of Assembly approved bills the governor will start signing at 3 p.m. in the reception room outside his State House offices.

Also to be signed is an expanded public accommodations bill, bringing Maryland's law in conformity with the national one.

Still another bill of high significance the governor is expected to sign is a general minimum wage measure, which will guarantee by next year a minimum wage of $1.30 an hour for an estimated 50,000 workers in the state not covered by the Federal law.

Evers predicts greatness for Mississippi

"The Colored Mississippian has peeped at the hole card of the white man and discovered that the only power that is really important is political power," Charles Evers told 500 students at Johns Hopkins University Thursday.

Mr. Evers, the brother of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers was final speaker in a series of lectures on

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Relocation of tavern near school undecided

The forced relocation site of the Fireside Inn, a tavern at 1018 Druid Hill Ave., still remains a matter of question this week.

The proprietor, Simon Oberfeld, told the AFRO late Tuesday evening he had no specific new locations under considerations.

Earlier in the day, the outgoing and new Liquor Boards met jointly on the matter in a special meeing called by Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd, City Council president, and Joseph Allen, city solicitor.

The outcome of this meeting, according to Leroy Fredericks, board member, was that the Liquor Board could not take action until it had before it a formal application for transfer to a specific site.

Consideration would have to be given then, Mr. Fredericks said, to whatever protests that may arise from residents of the area of the desired new location.

The tavern's present location, near the Samuel Coleridge Taylor Elementary School on Preston St., is in an area of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency that is being acquired for an extension of the McCulloh Homes.

BURHA is required by law to aid the relocation of families and businesses uprooted by its acquisition of properties.

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MR. OBERFELD told the AFRO his attorney was still working with officials on the matter of relocation, with nothing definite yet in sight.

Councilman Henry G. Parks Jr. (4th D.) who has taken a keen interest in attempting to facilitate the tavern's relocation, said:

"We don't want to impose him on any neighborhood. This is not to be used as a stepping stone to a better location, but to an equivalent one."

In recent months, the area residents and school officials have been protesting the tavern's close presence, primarily, of its close proximity to the school.

Councilman Parks noted, however, that the tavern's location there in the first place with little or no protests came "because the community slept it."

SEN. EDWARD BROOKE, center, talks with Johns Hopkins President Milton Eisenhower and Municipal Court Judge Robert B. Watts during speaking visit to Hopkins Tuesday. (AFRO Photo by Phillips)

William Moore Memorial will open here Sunday

Friends of Bill Moore, the first martyr in the non-violent civil rights movement, will lead a program 3 p.m. Sunday, at 433 E. 25th St., to commemorate the formal opening of the William L. Moore Foundation.

Local musicians, artists, civic and civil rights leaders, and educators are scheduled to appear on a program, designed to pay tribute to the Baltimore postman.

Sunday will be the fourth anniversary of Mr. Moore's death. His body was found on Highway 11 near Gadsden, Ala.

Mr. Moore was carrying a letter to then Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett, protesting the treatment of colored Mississippians.

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THE FOUNDATION, a renovated apartment building where Mr. Moore lived at the time of his death, is an educational and culture center, which projects the role and contributions of the colored American to today's civilization.

According to Norman Reeves, acting chairman of the center, the William L. Moore Foundation will "carry Bill's message of human dignity to the black ghetto."

Heading the list of participants is Mrs. Mary Moore Birchette of Binghampton, N.Y., widow of the slain civil rights worker.

Bill Griffin, who was chairman of the CORE chapter in Binghampton, and a friend of Mr. Moore, will also be present.

The program will be moderated by George W. Collins, city editor of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN. Mr. Collins, who also knew Moore, covered the funeral services in Binghampton.

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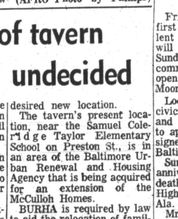
DR. WILLIAM DIXON, a prominent local psychiatrist who has written papers on



WILLIAM L. MOORE

William L. Moore Foundation.

Musical selections will be rendered by the Freddie Hubbard quartet, Matthew Fraling; Maurice Williams and trio with Ruby Glover;

Also Donal Kris and trio with "Pasha"; and the Mt. St. Agnes College Choir.

Paintings will be exhibited by artists Tom Lewis, Robert Torrence, Earl Hofmann, and

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.

There were 92 new voters registered during the April 12-18 period, in this day by day account:

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Wednesday	8	2	0
Thursday	20	2	0
Friday	15	1	0
Monday	20	3	0
Tuesday	15	5	1
Totals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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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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Teachers still eying walk-out

By ROGER J. NISSLY

A threatened strike by teachers set for May 11 appears sure unless the city begins negotiations with the Baltimore Teachers Union on cuts to the education budget.

According to union spokesmen, a strike could be averted if the negotiations procede "favorably," though city rules consider the budget now as "fixed" by the Board of Estimates, with the City Council being able to make further cuts only.

"But it's surprising how easy it is to change rules when the teachers are on strike," asserted Joseph Cascella, national representative for the union.

"We're not impressed by poor mouth talk and legalistic shields," he added.

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THE 2,000-MEMBER union has prepared 30 demands for negotiation with the city before the May 11 strike, which already has been authorized by its membership.

Mr. Cascella and union President Dennis Crosby pronounced their angry resentment at the school budget

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CLAY: 'I'M READY TO DIE FOR MY RELIGION'

(STORY IN COLUMN 2)

Teachers Union Wins D. C. Vote

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Money Lender Shot In His Home

BTU leader cheered by D.C. vote

The president of the Baltimore Teachers Union an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL-CIO) stated his elation yesterday at the winning of bargaining rights by another AFT affiliate in Washington, D.C.

Dennis Crosby predicted winning "by an even greater margin" if there is a vote between the two rival teachers groups in Baltimore.

In Washington Wednesday, teachers voted for the Washington Teachers Union by a 3 to 2 margin over the D. C. Education Association (affiliate of the National Education Association.)

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MR. CROSBY said that figures released earlier this month gave the Washington union a membership of only 900 out of the city's 7,000 teachers.

In Baltimore, the teachers union claims 2,000 teachers, as against the Public School Teachers Association (NEA affiliate) 6,000 membership.

The union president said that one of its 35 demands that must be negotiated before the union calls a May 11 strike is a city - wide vote the select the teachers' bargaining agent.

He said he is confident his fledgling union, which calls for "collective bargaining" rather than "professional negotiations," would win such an election.

The final vote in Washington was 3,540 to 2,119.

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MR. CROSBY said the union has support of over 4,000 teachers for the strike, which could close "over half the schools."

The PSTA, upon preliminary agreement on the school budget, has refused to support the strike.

The union has stated it will begin the strike after school on May 10, with picket lines around City Hall and the Department of Education, unless "favorable negotiation" is begun on its 35 demands.

MUHAMMAD ALI

Vows he'll 'show them'

HOUSTON — Heavyweight champion Cassius Clay, the man who gave up a beautiful wife because of his religion, faced army induction today vowing "I am ready to die for my religion."

Clay insists he would be a hypocrite if he allowed himself to be sworn-in today and the only thing left to save him after a post-midnight court rebuff was the chance he would fail the examination.

"They don't think I'm serious. I will show them," Clay declared as the showdown hour approached.

HOUSTON (UPI) — Heavyweight Champion Cassius Clay, fighting down to the wire to stay out of the Army, told a federal judge Thursday, colored Americans have no country to call their own and no names but those given their ancestors by slaveholders.

"Everybody else is named for a country, like Americans are from America, Russians are from Russia, Indians from India," Clay said.

"There is no country like Negro. Negro comes from a Greek word that means dead.

"You hear a name like Lumumba, you know he was an African. But colored Americans have names like Smith and Jones and you don't know he is colored. They

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4th ConCon slate gets wide backing

"We're going to pool our resources and get this slate elected!"

That pledge came Wednesday night from the Rev. Frank L. Williams, president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and chairman of the Fourth District ConCon Nonpartisan Nominating Committee.

Forty-two member-groups of the committee approved a slate of seven persons as ConCon candidates during a tranquil and business-like session at Heritage United Church of Christ.

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OF THE important organization leaders in the Fourth District only Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III was not positive of backing the slate and he said Thursday he would support it if his group okayed it at a called meeting next week.

Mitchell said he regretted the fact no whites were included on the ticket. Because

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Art Murphy reluctant

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Arthur G. Murphy Sr., first assistant U.S. district attorney, here finds himself in the strange position of reluctant dragon.

While the NAACP is prodding Sens. Joseph D. Tydings and Daniel B. Brewster and President Lyndon B. Johnson to name the 38-year-old attorney to the No. 1 post in the federal prosecutor's office, Mr. Murphy himself has voiced reluctance.

The job of U.S. attorney for the Maryland District becomes vacant June 1 when the present chief prosecutor, Thomas J. Kenny, moves to the Baltimore Supreme Bench.

He was chosen by Gov. Spiro T. Agnew to fill the newly-created judgeship approved in the last session of the eGneral Assembly.

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MR. MURPHY is the senior assistant in point of title and service.

Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, president, Maryland State Conference of NAACP Branches, has urged the senators and the President to appoint Mr. Murphy.

Stephen H. Sachs, a tal-

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PERT REMINDER — Mrs. Barbara Norton, fashion and jewelry model, smilingly reminds Baltimoreans they will lose one hour of sleep Sunday when clocks will be moved up with the advent of Daylight Saving Time.

Landlord's wife admitted visitor

A 58-year-old landlord, who said he was having "some money trouble" with a tenant, was shot at and wounded near his bedroom door Tuesday night.

Police have arrested the son of one of the man's tenants, and are holding him for investigation.

Evans McNair, a former steelworker of the 1700 block E. Oliver St., was treated for a wound made by a bullet which entered the lower part of the back and exited from his thigh at Johns Hopkins Hospital and was released the next day.

He told police he collects rent on 19 properties and had been having trouble with one of his tenants over money.

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EASTERN DISTRICT police detailed a bizarre account of how the gunman gained entrance to Mr. McNair's home about 11 p.m.

According to Mrs. Nezzie McNair, her husband was asleep when she heard someone ringing the doorbell.

Looking out the window, she said she saw a man who held a brown piece of paper and called, "I have a telegram for your husband."

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AS HE gained entrance, the suspect asked for her husband and pulled a gun, Mrs. McNair told police.

He handed her the dummy envelope as he pulled the gun.

She said the assailant put the gun to her head and said, "This is a holdup." However the man later left the house without taking any money, according to police and the victims.

Mr. McNair told the AFRO that the gunman ordered his wife to call him, saying "don't bring no gun or I'll kill you."

As the man forced her to the steps with the gun at her ear, Mr. McNair appeared at the second floor hallway, police said.

The gunman fired two shots and warned that he had "a friend downstairs." if Mr. McNair would return with a gun.

The suspect then fled.

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MR. McNAIR fell across his bed and asked his wife to summon an ambulance.

Two spent bullets were found by investigating police on the second floor of the McNair's house.

Police arrested a suspect after getting the McNairs description of their assailant.

Mr. McNair, out of the hospital, said Thursday that at one of his properties he had

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Steel plant rally today

A protest rally outside the gates of the Sparrows Point plant of Bethlehem Steel Company is scheduled for this afternoon (Friday).

Set for 3:30 p.m. at Tenth and "I" Sts., the rally is being spear-headed by CORE and other civil rights groups, and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

The action is a follow-up to Point workers' charges of discrimination in employment practices at the plant.

It also follows closely on the heels of an announced softening of a government-issued fair practices ultimatum.

Earlier this year, following investigation of the charges, the Defense Department's Office of Contract Compliance set a March deadline for the correction of the complaints.

In March the steel plant was granted an extension to mid-April. This week the OCC set the deadline back indefinitely, according to a Defense Department source.

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GERALD SMITH, attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, this week filed a letter to Labor Secretary Willard W. Wirtz requesting a meeting of government officials with CORE and the NAACP-LDF.

Mr. Smith took exception to the position of regional direc-

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POLICEMEN CUTTING THE ODDS

Up-dating of police force moving along in Baltimore

By ROGER J. NISSLY

"Hey boy," the burly police sergeant at the booking desk used to grin over his typewriter, "What's your name?"

The process of filling in the arrest register with marital status, age, height, would often be accompanied by jovial outbursts from officers watching the ceremony.

The scene was Baltimore, and the occasion happened frequently enough at any one of a half dozen police stations to be a prime gauge of deteriorated police conditions in the city.

The lack of scenes of this nature now is a tribute to the almost radical change which has taken place in the Police Department since its investigation by the international Association of Chiefs of Police a year ago.

EVEN OFFICERS stopping motorists for traffic violations are for the most part courteous, and the meter maids are no longer surly (one of the charges of the telephone director-length I.A.C.P. report).

These changes mark the beginning of a new attitude of courtesy and competency on the part of Baltimore police.

They also can be attributed to the two men who have held the post of police commissioner since release of the scathing I.A.C.P. report — Interim Commissioner George M. Gelston and Donald D. Pomerleau, who was appointed seven months ago.

To Commissioner Pomerleau fell the responsibility of remedying the deficiencies pointed out in the report and implementing its outline for reorganization.

Already implementation

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Soldier, wife can't find home

There's a large sign on U.S. 1, right outside of Laurel, that reads, "Welcome to Laurel", but the sign doesn't mean too much to Army Pvt. Leon Chaplin.

The city of Laurel might have the welcome mat out but Chaplin and his wife who have been trying to rent an apartment near Ft. Meade where Chaplin is stationed, haven't seen it yet.

Chaplin came to his new post March 29 and was joined on April 5 by his wife. Before coming to Laurel Chaplin was stationed at San Antonio, Texas.

The Chaplins said they have attempted to rent living quarters in 30 apartments in the Laurel area but real estate agents, who seem anxious to do business over the phone, are quick to discover that they are all rented up when the Chaplins appear in person.

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"RACIAL DISCRIMINATION was not even in my mind when I moved here," Mrs. Chaplin said.

"This far north and so close to the nation's capital we really expected to find open housing. We thought rents might be high, but we never expected anything like this."

The majority of real estate agents, the Chaplins said, say they don't rent to colored people.

"I just never thought to tell them over the phone that I was colored," Pvt. Chaplin said. "I would call and they would say they had apartments for rent and to come on over. And when I would get there a short time later they tell me that everything is rented.

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LAUREL MAYOR Merrill L. Harrison said he was familiar with the problems the Chaplins have been having and said he would be "less than frank" if he said that housing discrimination did not exist in Laurel.

Harrison said that when

Viet chief lauds GI's

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) — Gen. William C. Westmoreland went before the General Assembly of South Carolina, his native state, today and singled out for praise the service of colored soldiers in Vietnam.

"The performance of the colored soldier has been particularly inspiring to me," the U.S. commander in Vietnam told a joint session of the House and Senate.

He then received an honorary degree at the University of South Carolina, where a tiny minority of the student body demonstrated against the U.S. military effort in southeast Asia.

The U.S. commander in Vietnam apparently never saw the 20 or 30 students who produced "end the war" signs as he entered Rutledge Chapel of the university, a

Students double votes in contest during week

Interest and participation in the AFRO's "Student of the Year Contest" has more than doubled since the latest standings were printed in Tuesday's AFRO.

735,000 votes have been received by the AFRO contest editor and this total more than doubles the 309,000 votes that had been sent in as of last Tuesday.

179 students representing 37 schools are participating in this year's contest which has all the earmarks of being one of the biggest AFRO contests ever.

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DENISE BARNDON of Northern High School is in the lead this week with 49,600 votes.

Vonnetters Saunders, a student at Western High School, is in the number two position with a total of 32,600 votes.

Howard K. Johnson Jr., a student at Fairmount Hill Junior High School is in third place this week with a total

ginning. There is still plenty of time left to enter the contest and share $1,500 in cash prizes.

The contest opened on April 11 and will continue through June 17.

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In each edition of the AFRO a vote ballot worth 100 votes will be printed.

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Voting in the contest is posted in each edition of the AFRO so that candidates and workers can keep abreast of their standings.

First place winner will take home $500 in cash.

Second prize is $300, third

Powell asking quick decision

WASHINGTON

A lawyer for Adam Clayton Powell, said Thursday the ousted Harlem Congressman wanted to return to the House through the courts rather than by his overwhelming victory in a special election.

Attorney William Kuntsler said that would be the only fair way for Powell to regain the seat he lost March 1 when his colleagues voted him out for alleged misuse of government funds.

Kuntsler appeared before

Bank robbers usually land in federal pen

By MICHAEL DAVIS

It was over before most of the customers in the bank had realized that a robbery had taken place.

Two men walked into the Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association at 1611 W. North Ave. and held up the bank for $1,500.

The robbery, the third at that institution in less than six weeks, follows today's pattern of "high noon" at the corner bank. Guns are flashing regularly as more people are robbing banks than ever before.

In the 1930's, most bank holdups were staged by gangs of professionals, openly brandishing their sawed-off shotguns.

Now, men—and some women — who have never even received a speeding ticket are trying to solve financial problems in a hurry by robbing a bank.

But the truth of the matter is that bank robbery, as a going and lucrative venture, just doesn't pay off.

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A RECENT survey by the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicates that the old adage "crime does not pay," is true.

bandit. And of 63 convictions in these cases the courts meted out sentences that averaged 15 years each.

This, according to FBI statisticians, would mean that each bank robber "earned" only $202 per year, or an an hourly basis for a regular 40-hour week, he received less than ten cents an hour.

The "average" bank robber, according to FBI agents, is a lone male. He prefers to strike on Mondays or Fridays between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

He enters the victim bank without disguise, approaches a teller, makes an oral de-

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