'Sour grapes' seen behind sanctions bid

By ROGER J. NISSLY

The Baltimore School system was placed under sanctions Saturday by the National Education Association's executive committee.

The system was scored for deficiencies in educating children, providing reasonable teacher salaries and conditions and maintaining modern facilities.

Latest reactions to the NEA's unprecedented move (it is the first time sanctions have been imposed on a city school system) and to City Council's recent slicing of some $5 million from the school budget were:

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1. VERBAL ATTACKS on the NEA sanctions — which were requested by the local Public School Teachers Association—by city and school officials and the president of the School Board, Eli Frank, Jr.

Mr. Frank questioned how the "slanderous statements around the country" would "help get better education for Baltimore."

2. The Baltimore Teachers Union, which won a hotly-contested election with the PSTA for the right to represent city teachers, called the sanctions bid "sour grapes."

3. In a related move, the BTU has broken off talks with the School Board on how best to implement the salary appropriations which the City Council cut from the board's asking figure.

The BTU wants the full salary scale which the board asked for in its budget.

4. There are also hints that teachers may strike or take some other action in the fall if they do not receive the full salary schedule, but Mr. Frank firmly discounts the probability of a strike.

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THE SANCTIONS imposed by NEA's executive committee, meeting at the association's convention in Minneapolis, Minn., would include notifying state departments of education certification authorities, school placement officials, business and industrial leaders of the deficiencies of the local system.

Among its charges are:

The system "is so extremely deficient that many of the children . . . are being deprived the minimum level of education opportunity."

"Salaries and working conditions of teachers . . . are so deficient, it is unreasonable to expect professional teachers to continue their struggle against virtually impossible odds to educate children."

Many existing school buildings "are ancient and dilapidated, and hence impair the effectiveness of instruction."

The sanctions could be strengthened if conditions do not improve, the committee said. This would include helping teachers already in Baltimore find positions elsewhere.

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THE CONSENSUS of city officials felt that the sanctions, following the chopping of $5 million from the $189.5 million school budget, "will hurt rather than help."

Associate School Superintendent Dr. M. Thomas Goodloe pointed out in a statement yesterday that the budget next year "calls for an increase in expenditures of some $21 million over last year."

"This represents an 18 per cent increase and is the largest increase in any one year period."

In the press conference called Monday, Mr. Frank said he believed the most damaging effect of the sanctions

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SOLOIST for concert in Druid Hill Park on Sunday was Miss Carla Glover, 4100 Belle Ave., a third year special education student at Coppin State College, working here with Weldon Irvine, conductor of Park Concert Band. Weekly concerts are at various sites in city and are free to public.

Concert in park a big hit

There was music in the air Sunday at Druid Hill Park, Grove 10, where another in a series of free park concerts was held.

People in curls and curlers, dressed up and dressed down, were on hand to enjoy the Baltimore Municipal Band, under the direction of Weldon J. Irvine.

The shady spot with a cool breeze, fresh air and beautiful music combined to formulate an enjoyable afternoon. People of all ages sat on benches, chairs and on the grass.

Unlike in concert halls, people ate snowballs and smoked while listening to the music which sounded like that which one usually pays to hear.

There were a variety of selections to suit everyone's tastes. Patriotic "Profile of America," the solemn "Lord's Prayer," energetic "Blue Tango," show tune "The Sound of Music,' and the old favorite "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," were just a few of the selections.

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PRETTY MISS CARLA GLOVER stirred the audience with her solo rendition of "You'll Never Walk Alone."

"The sing along" portion of the show was a huge success. "School Days," and "Oldsmobile" were two songs which the audience particularly enjoyed.

Do you hear music in the air? Run to your nearest park. Perhaps the Baltimore Municipal Band or one of the three others who perform free concerts is giving a concert on the grass in your area.

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NEXT SCHEDULED concerts will be:

July 11 — Patterson Park, Leith Martinet conducting

July 12 — The Dell, Charles and 31st, Mr. Martinet

July 13 — Festival of Music at Memorial Stadium, Martinet (rain date: July 17)

July 14 — Mt. Vernon Place, Martinet

July 16. — South Baltimore Playground, Weldon Irvine conducting.

Suspect dies in jail room

A 23-year-old assault and robbery suspect sent to Baltimore City Jail last week died in his isolated hospital room Monday.

The suspect, Gary Stanton, 23, apparently died from wounds received in smashing his head against the wall of his room.

A jail officer said a nurse heard Stanton making noise in his room Monday morning.

Checking, she found Stanton with head injuries. An ambulance was called, but the crew pronounced Stanton dead at 9:45 a.m.

Stanton was declared "not to be in population" shortly after he entered the jail and became disorderly. He was then placed in the hospital area.

An official said Stanton was usually calm, but had outbursts.

Judge Harry A. Cole, sitting in the Western District, ordered Stanton held for grand jury action July 6 in connection with the assault and robbery of Melvin Smith.

Bail was set at $5,000.

Stanton lived in the 2200 block Etting St.

He was unemployed.

The amount of money mentioned in the case was $18.

Stanton's body was taken to the morgue.

Father of 8 and in-law drown

A father of eight and his brother-in-law drowned Sunday when a boat they were fishing in overturned several hundred yards off Wagner's Pt.

One of the men, William Spriggs, 28, of the 1100 block McKean Ave., left his wife and eight children. The brother-in-law was Roland Mercer, 30, of the 2100 block Elsinore St.

Police boat Charles D. Gaither and fire boat Thomas D'Alesandro responded to a report at 5 p.m. from Cornelius Mason, of the 3800 block Ridgewood Avenue. He said he saw two men off the pier in distress.

Mason had been fishing.

Mercer's body was dredged from the water at about 6 p.m., Spriggs's body at about 8 p.m.

Mercer worked as a cab driver, and was divorced. His father, brother and sister, Spriggs's wife, are among his survivors.

Spriggs was a painter.

Arrest first black mark for program

By JAMES KAUFMAN

A jobless youth who suffers from the effects of tuberculosis was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction Sunday.

For the youth, it was a first conviction. For a Clifton area summer recreation program, it was the first black mark.

Municipal Court Judge Mary Arabian, sitting in a Northeastern District Sunday morning session, told the boy's mother, Mrs. Frances Carr Distance, not to worry about her son's condition.

"He will be given the greatest attention" by correctional officers, she said, if he needed hospital care.

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LARRY CARR'S health, or lack of it, apparently did not mitigate the charges against him.

Larry, of the 1600 block E. 29th St., was apprehended at a dance at the Third Lutheran Church, E. 30th St. and Hillen Rd., on Friday night.

According to police, he was disorderly, had alcohol on his breath, resisted arrest and assaulted a police officer.

The dance was an affair for teenagers of senior high school age in the Clifton area. Anybody was welcome and admission was 25 cents.

The sponsor of the dance was the joint summer program of four area churches: Third Lutheran, Montebello Presbyterian, Huber Memorial Church of Christ and Homestead Methodist.

THEODORE HUEN, of the first block Parkside Dr., testified at the trial. A teacher at Southern High School during the school year, he is the coordinator of the new summer program this summer.

He chaperoned the dance and summoned police when he found Carr "smack in" and was disorderly."

Police said they came down the church's basement stairs and approached Carr in the basement area where the dance was being held.

He was told to leave, went up the stairs and began to resist the arresting officer, they said.

The pair reportedly grappled all the way to the police car, where Carr was dropped to the ground and subdued. His hands were put in cuffs behind his back.

Carr said he lost a gold tooth cap in the fray, and was abused. A police officer reported a lacerated leg and possible bite.

AFTER LONG questioning of the trial witnesses by defense counsel Milton Allen, the defense rested. Allen's main concern was to establish a case of a resisting arrest, not assault, and the judge took this fact into account in sentencing Carr.

All but the resisting arrest charge were dismissed or received suspended sentences.

For Mr. Huen, it was a bad start for what he called a project that could do a lot of good.

"We have a program of street games, dances, trips, day camps and other things," he said. He added, Friday's dance was only the program's third this summer.

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HE EXPLAINED that the Clifton community is changing its make-up — from predominantly white to predominantly colored.

Colored persons are moving into "good, middle-class homes, mostly buying them," he said.

But if conditions are better than inner city life, problems exist, too, he indicated.

Whites come back Sundays to worship in their old community church. Colored persons go back to old neighborhood churches of their own.

As Huen describes it, four churches are sponsoring programs for community residents of which few are

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ENSIGN AND MRS. ROYE S. TEMPLETON during weekend visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Furman L. Templeton of Baltimore.

Ensign Templeton sets Navy 'first' for city

Roye S. Templeton, 23, son of Dr. and Mrs. Furman L. Templeton, director of the Baltimore Urban League, is the first native colored Marylander to be commissioned an officer in the Navy.

Ensign Templeton graduated June 9 from Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I.

One of the top 10 members of the class, he returned three days later to begin an eight-week course in communications.

After this course, the newly-commissioned officer will be assigned to a post in New York.

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DURING OFFICER training, Ensign Templeton was named assistant regimental commander of the 1000-member candidate regiment.

He also earned a letter of commendation from his commanding officer as one of the 10 ranking members of the graduating class.

Ensign Templeton and his wife, the former Egba Lillian Boyersen, of Oslo, Norway, visited Baltimore last weekend for a brief respite from his duties in Newport.

They were married Feb. 16, 1966 in Washington by Federal Judge Joseph Waddy and expect their first child near the end of the month.

The addition to the family will make Dr. Templeton a grandfather for the second time.

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ENSIGN TEMPLETON is a graduate of City College and Albright College, in 1964, with distinction.

He spent a year after graduation working on his doctorate in philosophy at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark.

According to Dr. Templeton, who has made an extensive check, his son is believed to be the first colored native Marylander to be commissioned in the Navy.

The percentage of colored officers in the Navy is the lowest of the services, less than one percent.

Only this year the first colored Maryland candidate for the Naval Academy was appointed by Sen. Tydings.

Mayor's group finds low school integration

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin said today (Tuesday) that a survey of faculty and student integration at a number of universities and colleges in the Baltimore metropolitan area showed "a very poor extent of integration of faculty and student body."

When Morgan State College is excluded from the survey, the mayor said, less than one percent of undergraduate students are colored at the schools answering a questionnaire from the Mayor's Task Force for Equal Rights.

He said only one percent of the administrative and teaching personnel are colored and somewhat less than six percent of the personnel in labor and services is composed of colored citizens.

The Education Committee of the Task Force sent a questionnaire to 28 colleges and universities in the Baltimore area to ascertain to what extent the student bodies and staffs have been integrated.

Replies were received from 12 with useful data from only 10, according to Dr. Harold Delaney, chairman of the subcommittee and a professor at Morgan College.

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MAYOR McKELDIN said he fully supported recommendations made by the committee to rectify this situation.

They are:

1. That all colleges and universities give increased aid to inner city schools in the areas of reading skills, guidance, psychology and that this assistance in improving reading skills must be provided in elementary school grades.

Also that serious review of current methods of training teachers toward the end that significant improvement be undertaken.

2. That colleges and universities adopt a plan to use inner city schools for their permanent practice schools in teacher training and curriculum development. A plan such as this has been proposed by City College of the City University of New York.

3. That the colleges and universities redouble their efforts to increase the extent of integration of their student bodies. Moreover, these institutions should find, develop and use measuring rods other than traditional printed tests to identify qualified students.

4. That in view of the very poor extent of integration of faculty and other professional staffs, every effort must be exerted to correct and improve this condition. Active recruitment of qualified personnel is essential.

The survey covered Essex Community, Goucher, Mount St. Agnes, Western Maryland, Woodstock and Morgan State Colleges, Johns Hopkins University, St. John's College and St. Mary's Seminary and University.

Crooms' home picketed by racist group

Members of the white States Rights Party are at it again in Baltimore. Leaders of the group were found guilty in Criminal Court of causing the disturbance in Patterson Park last year.

Convicted of inciting to riot was Joseph Carroll, the States Rights Youth leader who is out on appeal bail.

Carroll was the leader of 11 pickets Sunday in front of the home of the Paul Crooms family, 3826 Elmley St., recently moved into the predominately white East Baltimore neighborhood.

According to Major William A. Harris, director of the Police Department's Community Relations Division, a crowd of more than 100 persons gathered while the pickets marched up and down carrying the signs in the afternoon.

Major Harris said there were no incidents nor arrests. He was accompanied by six other policemen during the demonstration.

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MR. CROOMS, 26, a smelting refinery worker, his wife and four children moved to the area recently and on July 5 were subjected to vandalism, one window broken by firecrackers and back window shattered by a stone.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Crooms told the AFRO since Sunday no further trouble had been experienced.

"We have all the help we need," she stated and added "We just want to be left alone. We don't need any more publicity."

Inquiry among residents of the immediate neighborhood found most of them failed to support the demonstration.

Thurs. deadline for CAA job

Thursday is deadline for filing applications for the position of group leader, Neighborhood Youth Corps, with the city's Community Action Agency.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old and have a valid Maryland motor vehicle operator's license.

Applications should be filed with the Civil Service Commission, first floor at 10 South St.

How best to stay alive, when close to holdup

By ROGER J. NISSLY

A gunman's killing of a 59-year-old delivery man, who tried to dissuade him from holding up a drug store, this week prompted tips from the Homicide squad on how to keep cool if you are in the vicinity of a holdup.

Head of the Homicide Squad, Capt. Anton Glover, cautioned that "every holdup is different," so there are no hard and fast rules on what the gunman expects or what will make him nervous and set him off.

"The best advice, the captain said, is to "pay attention" to what the gunman or gunmen say.

"Then do what they tell you," he advised.

He noted that hold up-murders "are not too frequent" when compared with the year's homicide toll, but that in every case, especially if you try to stop the gunman, "what you have to forfeit is your life."

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IN THE most recent holdup-homicide, June 30, Levi Chase, delivery man for Young's Prescription Laboratory, Dolphin St. and Druid Hill Ave., died at the scene during an attempted holdup.

Mr. Chase, of the 200 block Amity St., was shot once in the chest as he attempted to grapple the gun away from the man.

"Don't be a fool," the gunman is reported to have yelled before firing.

In another case within the last year, recalled by Capt. Glover, a man present at the holdup of a Rice's Bakery store was fatally wounded when he attempted to get his wallet back from a thug.

In that case, the man was content to lose his money, but wanted his cards and wallet back. What he received instead was a fatal bullet wound.

As Capt. Glover pointed out, "every case is different," and you don't know how nervous a gunman will be.

Judge Russell honored today

Judge George L. Russell, Jr. will be sworn in today (Tuesday) as advisor to Baltimore's Alpha Chapter of the Nu Beta Epsilon National Law Fraternity.

Swearing in will take place at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Court House.

The organization is an undergraduate fraternity with an active alumni board and membership.

According to Donald Hurwitz, executive secretary, Judge Russell was chosen for his "merit" and his giving of "interest and time for young lawyers."

Judge Russell will advise and counsel the law students and help in setting up programs and activities.

Hospital grant

Rep. Clarence D. Long (D., Md.) has announced a $20,2 thousand Public Health Service Grant to Spring Grove State Hospital in Catonsville to continue an in-service training program in treatment of mental illness.

TO HELP HOUSING — Members of Board of Directors and officials of H.O.U.S.E., a non-profit corporation to aid housing 20 families, are (from left) William A. Welch Sr., director of Family Movement project; Miss Charlotte Young; Mrs. Geraldine Brown; Mrs. Mary Whalen; Carroll Dicus and Nathaniel Brooks.

H.O.U.S.E. to help low-income families

H.O.U.S.E., a private, non-profit housing organization which will help low-income Charles County families purchase their own homes, filed articles of incorporation a week ago.

The organization grew out of the Family Movement to Independence Project of the Tri-County Community Action Committee — composed of Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert Counties.

The project is seeking to help 20 Charles County families increase their income and mode of living through job training and development and other services.

William A. Welch Sr., director of the Family Movement project, is vice president of the new corporation.

H.O.U.S.E., Inc., takes its name from Housing Organization United Self-Help Enterprise.

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THE PROJECT will focus on two major areas, education and training, which in some cases will precede employment.

Education will include basic education, reading and arithmetic, and training for specific job skills.

Courses will also include an orientation on the current work world.

The other major areas will be the construction of homes for 20 families.

The non-profit housing corporation will make it possible for families to purchase their own homes, a possibility they could not realize otherwise, according to the directors.

The project, the first of its kind in the country, is in part a research project. A major purpose, according to its outline, is to "demonstrate that a comprehensive yet individualized approach to the problem of poverty which has yet been attempted."

Brailey asks statewide jobs probe

Del. Troy Brailey said today he has been told by the State Health Department that it has no records of any defects in work done by Mrs. Mariam Winborne.

Brailey, a member of the House of Delegates from the Fourth Legislative District, asked for a probe of the dismissal of Mrs. Winborne by the Mount Wilson State Hospital.

The hospital has contended her work was defective but Mrs. Winborne thinks racial discrimination resulted in her losing the lab position she held.

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GOV. TED AGNEW ordered Dr. Gilbert Ward, one of the top aides, to look into the matter. A hearing involving the hospital and State Interracial Commission was held this past week.

As a result of that session, Dr. Ware announced he expected to have a decision in the case within a short time.

Meanwhile, Del. Brailey informed the AFRO that he has now asked for a statewide investigation into the hiring and promotion practices of state agencies and institutions.

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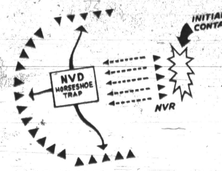

THIS AFRO DRAWING based on rough sketch from correspondent Mike Davis shows how Communists booby-trapped one of our units. After initial contact, members of 173rd chased enemy only to find themselves hit from three sides.

AFRO's Mike Davis tells how our troops died in Viet trap

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO Correspondent

DAK TO — For the second time in less than two weeks elements of the Army's 173rd Airbourne Brigade sustained severe losses in action in the Kontum Province of South Vietnam.

The paratroopers were on a search and destroy mission when they crossed a trail covered with sandal prints.

The lead unit came under intense automatic weapons and mortar fire from an estimated battalion of North Vietnamese Army troops dressed in white, black and dark green uniforms and wearing gray plastic helmets.

The U.S. paratroopers returned fire and called in Army artillery and armed helicopter support to heavily pound enemy positions.

After the enemy broke contact the bodies of six North Vietnamese were found.

Twenty-six U.S. paratroopers were killed and 49 wounded.

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IN A similiar action last week, 76 members of the same outfit were killed in an enemy ambush. 43 of the 76 were colored according to high placed military officials.

There is no racial breakdown yet on the number of colored servicemen included in the latest tally.

The 173rd Airbourne Brigade and the 101st Airbourne Brigade have an unusually high percentage of colored troops.

The volunteer units have been in the forefront of a number of costly and bloody battles.

THE AFRO learned this week exactly what took place in the first battle.

The 173rd Airbourne Brigade was moved from Bien Hoa to Pleiku and was engaged in a routine search and destroy mission.

The lead platoon was hit with what was believed at 2 the time to have been a small group of North Vietnamese Regulars (NVR). Once they engaged the enemy in combat they knew they were fighting at least a regiment.

Platoon commanders radioed the unit under fire and told them, "We are committing the whole company. We are committing everything we have."

As the Airbourne troopers continued to engage the enemy they pushed them back into the jungle. (The NVR).

But the North Vietnamese had set up flanker squads

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MRS. CARRIE DRAKE

$75 winner in contest

"I told mother that we had a winning Lucky Coin because Joanne picked it."

Sure enough, Mrs. Frances Nicholson was right. Her mother, Mrs. Carrie Drake, won $75 on July 16, for having a recent issue of the AFRO, a Lucky Coin, and for being 75.

Mrs. Nicholson said "A few years back Joanne won first prize in a Mrs. Santa Contest. She always has been lucky. When we stopped at the AFRO building to get Lucky Coins, I told her to pick one for mother. She did and mother won."

Joanne is the daughter of Mrs. Nicholson, and granddaughter of Mrs. Drake.

MRS. DRAKE explained her calmness during the happy occassion:

"I have heart trouble and I must keep calm, but in my heart I said 'Thank you, Jesus.'"

The AFRO Money Man found the good-spirited young lady at 1107 Orleans St., where she is staying with Mrs. Nicholson. She is recuperating from a stay at Johns Hopkins, after being treated for heart trouble.

A devoted member of New Vine Baptist Church, the Rev. Leroy Fields, pastor, she plans to marry "a beautiful white robe that I can wear in church" with the winnings.

In addition to her eight children, Mrs. Drake also has 21 grandchildren and 11 greatgrands. Two of her

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MIKE DAVIS

Young wife of dentist dead at 31

Mrs. Anna Davis, 31, wife of Dr. Glaosione Davis, a dentist of the 4700 block Wakefield, died at Lutheran Hospital about 4 p.m. Monday.

An unofficial police report lists the cause of death as an apparent overdose of pills.

The AFRO learned that Mrs. Davis was taken to Lutheran Hospital on Saturday after being found in an unconscious state.

She was treated in the intensive care section and never recovered. The body was moved to the city morgue.

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DR. DAVIS, from Jamaica, is a Howard University graduate and completed his internship in dentistry at Provident Hospital in June.

Mrs. Davis was from Laurel, Md.

The Davises were parents of two daughters, 2 and 8 years old.

They resided in the Hillsdale Manor Apartments.

Two men hurt in Iowa riot

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) — Police arrested 17 persons Sunday when gangs of youths lobbed rocks and bottles at windows and cars in one of two racial disturbances in Iowa. A policeman and a racial worker were injured slightly.

While 25 policemen and a number of civil defense volunteers spent four hours restoring order in Des Moines, vandals broke hundreds of windows in homes and businesses in downtown Cedar Rapid's about 74 miles east of the Iowa capital. Damage was expected to range into the thousands of dollars. No arrests were reported.

'Little Melvin' hearing today

Testimony in the case of Melvin D. Williams, alias "Little Melvin" charged with narcotics violations and possessing a deadly weapon is expected to begin today (Tuesday) in Criminal Court.

Williams, 25, of the 1600 block Madison Ave., was arrested April 13 at McMechen St. near Pennsylvania Ave.

Narcotics agents, testifying at a May hearing in Municipal Court, said "Little Melvin" had 16 capsules of suspected heroin on his person at the time of his arrest.

FOUND IN HIS 1967 Cadillac, the agents testified, was a glassine bag of the same drug and a fully-loaded 38-calibre revolver.

They also charged him with a $700 dope sale March 8 in a Pennsylvania Avenue tavern.

The sale was allegedly made to an informer with money furnished by the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics.

In defense self he handled by attorney Milton B. Allen. Mr. Williams has been free on bail of $5,000 posted by bondsman Charles Dixon.

PRIZE WINNER PUMMELED — LeRoi Jones, Newark's noted poet and prize-winning playwright, injured in city's disorders, sits in wheelchair at City Hospital. He was mistaken for a rioter.

Leaders, witnesses place major blame on police brutality

NEWARK, N.J. — In the wake of three nights of unprecedented rioting in this city with more than 60 percent black citizens, a 40-man committee, hastily assembled by Governor Richard J. Hughes, announced Saturday that it would take action to quell the disorders.

But the committee was not unmindful that there were many facts and factors behind the riots — factors just as sensational, just as damaging as the whizzing bricks and deadly bullets making a shambles of Newark streets.

Mayor Hugh Addonizio, in singularly honest remarks to rome from a leader of the power structure, said Friday that he was "deeply disappointed" at the continuing violence.

He blamed it on "root causes much deeper than the arrest of a man by a policeman."

"In disturbances of this sort," he said, "there can be no finger-pointing. We are all to blame and that includes myself as mayor."

THE BLAME — that's what everyone was trying to determine as the week ended with the city being patrolled by upwards of 300 National Guardsmen.

Was it simply because, as some believed, that John William Smith, 40-year-old cab driver of 214 Seymour Avenue, was arrested by two white policemen on Wednesday night?

Was it because, as he reported, Officers John Simone and Vito Pontrelli "caved in" his ribs, "busted a hernia and put a hole" in his head?

Or was the blame for the riot to be placed at the door-step of black citizen resentment to proposed displacement of 20,000 black families by the erection of a new medical school?

Mayor Addonizio said that this, together with "the

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Police say 200 aided defendants

By JAMES KAUFMAN

Two sets of brothers were arrested early Sunday after a short but violent struggle with Baltimore police.

Although some witnesses disagreed, police and others said the fracas could have touched off the dreaded racial "incident" many people feel hangs over Baltimore like a sword of Damocles.

Freed on bail Sunday by Western District Municipal Court Judge Robert Watts Michael, Dennis and French Williams and James and Robert Stanton, all of the 2700 block W. North Ave.

At a trial set for July 21, both Stanton brothers and French Williams will be tried for assaulting an officer. The other Williams brothers are charged with disorderly conduct.

According to police, the story of the charges began Sunday at about 2 a.m. when a police radio car was called to handle a disorderly crowd in the 2700 block of N. Ashburton St., a block south of W. North Ave.

Officers Richard T. Thompson and Robert Godwin Jr., of the Western District, occupants of the radio car, said they observed two men in the street fighting, one in a U.S. Marine Corps uniform.

The uniformed man, who later was identified as Mich-

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Agnew, Wilkins meet Wednesday

By MAX JOHNSON

Roy Wilkins, national executive director of the NAACP, will meet with Maryland's Gov. Spiro T. Agnew in the latter's Annapolis office Wednesday, to discuss possible activities in the area of civil rights.

The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m.

Mr. Wilkins is coming at the invitation of Gov. Agnew, who has said publicly on many occasions he has a high regard for him and his approach to civil rights issues.

Gov. Agnew, in this invitation to Mr. Wilkins, gives concrete evidence that he is deeply concerned, as he has stated many times, rigting society injustices to the colored citizens of this state.

The meeting between Gov. Agnew and Mr. Wilkins under the circumstances in the governor's State House office will be historic.

Not in the memory of young oldtimers has a Maryland governor invited a top national colored leader to his office to discuss best possible avenues of activities in civil rights.

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SIGNIFICANTLY, the meeting comes on the heels of executive orders out of Washington which will require the rental of homes to servicemen on the state's military installations be on an open occupancy basis.

One phase of the discussion is expected to center on possible executive orders Gov. Agnew might issue to ease touchy situations that might arise.

The meeting comes, too, on the heels of the just-concluded Boston conference of the NAACP, from which Mr. Wilkins and his forces emerged in full and complete control of the organization.

A dissident group of young Turks failed miserably in a bid for control.

SITTING in on the conference with Gov. Agnew and Mr. Wilkins are expected to be Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, president of Maryland NAACP branches; William Adkins, chairman of the governor's Human Rights Commission and George T. James, executive secretary, Interracial Commission, to name some.

A large volume of organizational representatives are not expected, or more specifically, just have not been invited.

Polynesian 4th

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (NPI) —Independence Day, July 4, meant two other things for 22,000 Polynesians occupying some 154 small islands within a total land area of 269 square miles in the South Pacific. That was the day the Tongans held the first coronation — in nearly 50 years —of King Toupou III, the area's only monarch, successor to his mother, Queen Salote, who died Dec. 15, 1964. The day, incidentally, was also his 49th birthday.

Stokely in London denies any part in outbreaks in Newark

LONDON (UPI) — Black Power advocate Stokely Carmichael Saturday described the Newark, N.J., riots as "rebellions and I think they are likely to go on for quite some time."

The 26-year-old Carmichael arrived in London Saturday to visit "for a few weeks."

His sister, Judy, 22, is a psychiatric nurse at a hospital near London.

Carmichael said in New York he had not been in Newark and had nit been involved in fomenting the rampage there.

Carmichael was accompanied by George Ware, 27, a fellow member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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Tension In Laurel: 'There's No Sense Talking Up More Trouble'

Town Afraid

By BAKER E. MORTEN

LAUREL, Md. — Black people in the Laurel Grove section of this racially-tense town are boxed in by two elements which they feel have distinct similarities — white folks in and apprehension.

The white folks have been there all along, surrounding colored families for years in the small four square block area called Laurel Grove. The apprehension, which had abated last Saturday, is something newer. It reached a climax July 10 when a bunch of white arsonists tried to set fire to a colored home in Laurel Grove — bringing scores of armed black people into the street to protect their neighborhood and property.

SERIOUS TROUBLE was narrowly averted, and Mayor Merrill Harrison immediately commenced to blame outsiders for the town's racial fearful that white Ku Klux Klaners might attack their homes. He said "some of the boys who come into my place to eat" have expressed apprehension, but woes, "If we didn't have outside agitation," the Mayor said, "there would be no trouble."

promise that "they'll be ready for them if they come." The reporter is Baker Morten of the Washington AFRO. (Glover Photos.

Perhaps the Mayor has not looked "inside" his own too

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ELIJAH SHAW, left, the only colored businessman between Laurel and Ft. Meade, Md. reported that black people in the Laurel Grove section of town are

NO COMMENT was the reply of Johnny Jones when the AFRO inquired about the tense racial situation in Laurel. Reports have it that black people are arming themselves to protect their homes in the aftermath of an attempted arson on a colored home in the area by white vandals.

THIS SIGN of the times greeted an AFRO reporter-photographer team which visited Laurel, to interview residents of the Laurel Grove section who armed themselves and poured into the street July 10 after white vandals tried to burn down a house in the area. Splashed on the side of an old, deserted white frame house, the sign reads "KKK."

4 arrested

WASHINGTON

A Laurel judge on Monday held for grand jury action four men who had been arrested and charged with arson in the recent attempted burning of a colored home. Police are still seeking a fifth member of the group, a juvenile, for whom a warrant issued a warrant for his arrest.

Bail for two of the four adults in custody was set at $5,000. The amount of bail for the others was still undecided on Monday morning.

The burning attempt sparked several days of racial tension in the "grove" section of Laurel.

THE ARRESTS were made separately last Saturday and Sunday after a combined in-

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