HOLLYWOOD HAPPENINGS:

Guitar genius Montgomery dates change, fears planes

By WALTER BURRELL

HOLLYWOOD — Once upon a time — in 1943, to be exact — an enthusiastic 19-year old welder went out and bought a shiny new electric guitar, an amplifier, a year's supply of guitar picks and extra strings, and drove his Indianapolis neighbors to distraction as he set out to teach himself to play.

Little did Wes Montgomery know that he'd not only master the instrument, but go on to become the king of the jazz guitar.

However, behind the genius audiences thrill to in night-clubs and concert halls lie the straight-forward simplicity and the warm personality of a self-taught and self-made man, as this writer discovered recently when I talked with Wes at his Hollywood apartment. On a lazy California afternoon he revealed an insight into the man behind the guitar and, the footlights.

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"I WAS 19, had just gotten married and was working as a welder in Indianapolis when I decided to buy a guitar," recalls Wes. "I'd always admired the sounds it made and I figured it wouldn't be too hard to learn to play it. Besides, I had several friends who picked away at it.

"What did my wife think of the idea? Well, to say the least, she didn't quite approve — and she liked it less as time wore on. But I figured this way: I wanted the guitar for my own amusement; to relax with when I came home after work. When I thought I'd gotten my money's worth for the day, I simply put it in the corner.

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"AS IT turned out, my friends were too busy to teach me any techniques and I didn't really want to impose on them anyway. Besides, I never had any intentions of becoming big time or famous.

"All I had to do was look at the competition and realize that. No, I had no thoughts of becoming a professional.

"So I just went into the back room and started plucking and twanging away. Naturally, at first the sounds were something less than melodic to everyone else, although I was proud as a peacock.

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"HOWEVER, MY neighbors didn't share my enthusiasm and emphasized their displeasure by calling the police — more than once. In fact, my wife complained as loudly as anyone else," Montgomery continues.

"One night when my wife made her usual trip to the door of the back room where I had all my equipment, she stood on the other side of the door and said in no uncertain terms for me to quiet down.

"Instead of turning down the volume on the amplifier, I just put down the pick and strummed the guitar with my thumb. She said that was great and I've used my thumb ever since."

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HOW DOES he react to being the receiver of such a great gift?

"Gift? No. It isn't that at all. A gift is something handed to you. I had to work hard to be a guitarist. My hands cramped, my thumb got swollen, my shoulder ached and I had countless splitting headaches as I ploughed my way wearily through untold hours of trial and error — mostly error."

Wes' hit and miss learning technique was due to the fact that he has never learned to read music — not one note. He has memorized virtually every chord and key he's played and explains that his ear is what guides him through a song or instrumental number.

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"NO ONE can teach you how to play," notes Wes. "They can only teach you the technical and mechanical aspects. Then you have to wind up un-learning all their Berkeley School of Music (in Boston) instructions. This produces inhibitions because you respect what you've been taught and it's hard to go against that.

WES MONTGOMERY

"Strict musical education can actually hamper your innate musical freedom. On the other hand, no sounds or rhythms can be called wrong or impossible when you're being led by your ear, coupled with imagination.

"After all, it's the imagination which creates the style, while the ear keeps it in check and makes sure it's sounding right."

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Needless to say, few people can argue with Wes' methods. He's mesmerized audiences in Italy, Germany, France, London and several other countries.

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"BUT I almost didn't get to Europe," admits Wes. "because I'm scared stiff of planes. I'd flown off and on, but after the Brooklyn crash in '60 (which I witnessed), I simply quit flying. In '65 my agents got me to fly to Europe by promising me I wouldn't have to fly once I got there.

"As it turned out, I was flying every day from one country to another. I took tranquilizers, but the damn things wouldn't start working until after I got off the plane.

"People tried to reassure me by saying 'man, those are Rolls-Royce engines out there,' and I'd answer 'if they're so good, why can't they keep this plane still?' "

Fear of air travel coupled with a distaste for alcohol: qualities not usually found in musicians. However, Wes Montgomery has become the great name he is because he's dared to be different.

LOVEABLE LESLIE — "Hallelujah, Baby!" is not only a delightful vehicle for the multi-talented Leslie Uggams (left), but offers the vivacious 26-year-old Harlemite opportunity to endear herself to fellow entertainers. Lillian Hayman and Billy Dee Williams (above, here) assert the pretty leading lady is one of the easiest persons to work with in their long show business experience. All are seen in the bright musical at the Martin Beck Theatre at 45th and Broadway.

JUNGLE JAZZ — Airman 2/C Frank Stockton (second from left) and three buddies have succeeded in taking their own brand of American jazz to Vietnam. Stockton, who is a Baltimorean, heads a combo made up of (left to right) A/2 Wesley James of Plymouth, Mass.; Stockton, A/2 Jack Elder of Memphis, Tenn., and A/2 George Lee of Little Rock, Ark.

Progressive Baptists to meet Sept. 5-10

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The Progressive National Baptist Convention holds its Annual Session with the churches of Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 5-10. Headquarters for the Convention will be the Netherland Hilton Hotel, Fifth and Race Streets, where all sessions will be held.

More than 2,000 accredited delegates from 500 member-churches will attend, in addition to several thousand observers and visitors, according to the Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Principal speakers will include Dr. Taylor, who has just returned from a preaching and speaking tour of South Africa; Dr. Martin Luther King of Atlanta, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, who recently retired as president of Morehouse College.

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NATIONAL OFFICERS of the Convention, in addition to President Taylor, include: The Revs. E. R. Searcy, first vice president; Thomas Kilgore Jr., second vice president; O. H. Stinson, Louis Johnson, John J. Koger, Samuel H. James and H. B. Charles, regional vice presidents.

Also, L. Venchael Booth, executive secretary; S. S. Hodges, recording secretary; J. N. Wardlaw, i. J. Alford and John F. Williams, assistant recording secretaries; W. H. R. Powell, treasurer; Cornell E. Talley, auditor; Charles G. Adams, historian; Judge Benjamin L. Dooks, convention attorney; and George Lawrence, national director of Communications and Public Relations.

Announcers name Staple Singers

ATLANTA — At the recent National Association of Radio and Television Announcers Convention, Epic Records' artists the Staple Singers received a Golden Mike award for best gospel group of the year.

The Staple Singers were seen last week on the Johnny Carson "Tonight Show" and appeared most recently at the New York Jazz Festival. Their Epic LP's to date are: "Pray On," "Why," "Freedom Highway" and "Amen!"

Kenyans march on Red Chinese

NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) — Brandishing clubs and waging placards, 50 angry demonstrators marched on the Communist Chinese Embassy Monday to protest the alleged manhandling of a Kenya diplomat in Peking Sunday.

The crowd demanded an apology for an incident involving diplomat Samuel Mutheka and Red Guards. But two embassy officials, who spoke to the Africans through heavily guarded and padlocked steel gates, rejected the demand.

The demonstration leader, an official from the Nairobi branch of the ruling Kenya African National Union (KANU), replied: "You'll have to dig a hole to be safe from us if there is a repetition of hooliganism by the Red Guards."

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IN THE Lake George area are churches, movies, open air theatres, night clubs, a bowling alley, museums, historic Fort William Henry, Gaslight Village, a replica of another era.

Families with children find trips to Animal Land, Storytown, the Magic Forest and hikes or rides up into Prospect Mountain a source of delight.

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Say it again!

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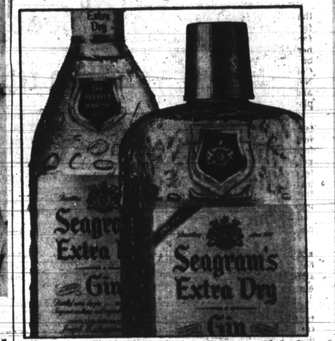

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Baltimore youth, pals form jazz combo in Viet

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO Correspondent

TON SON KNHUT A/2 Frank Stockton, 20, of Baltimore, Maryland has joined a band in Vietnam to help pass away the time between now and his return to the United States.

He is an air policeman with the Seventh Air Force in Vietnam.

A GRADUATE of Douglass High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Z. Stockton of 3307 Alto Road, Baltimore, Md.

He has three brothers, Michael, Gregory, and Jefferry, and two sisters Linda and Carol.

He is a member of the St. Cecelia Church and has been in the Air Force two years. His home has been stationed in Vietnam six months.

ASKED WHAT he missed most about Baltimore, Stockton said, "I miss all of those lovely Baltimore girls."

He is a member of the J. R. Puartet a band that he helped form with friends he has met in the Air Force. The group has played a number of shows at USO clubs in Saigon and Ton SonKnhut.

Vietnam tour nearing end for Hibbler, Strayhorn kin

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO Correspondent

SAIGON — Sp/4 Tommie E. Hibbler, the nephew of vocalist Al Hibbler, told the AFRO in Vietnam, this week, that, "I've done my time. I've paid my dues. I'll be home soon."

Hibbler, who makes his home in Chicago, Ill. has 13 days left in Vietnam. He is married to the former Bernadine Williams of New Orleans, La.

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WILLIAM E. STRAYHORN, 22, the nephew of late jazz great Billy Strayhorn, is also near the end of his Vietnam tour.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., he plays the trumpet.

"He's been a pretty good tour," he said. "I was sent over here to do a job. I've done it and now I am ready to go home."

Hibbler and Strayhorn are attached to the First Logistic- at Command near the South Vietnamese capital, Saigon.

'Jazz Day' program set Oct. 7 in New York

NEW YORK — Saturday, October 7, will be New York City's first official Jazz Day, part of the city's Cultural Fortnight, October 1-14, paying tribute to the creative arts.

A leading feature of Jazz Day will be the world premiere of "Jazzhattan Suite 1967," composed by Oliver Nelson under a commission from Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI).

Jazz Day will be sponsored by Jazz Interactions, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the stimulation and performance of jazz in New York, working in cooperation with the city.

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Mrs. Murphy, 6th D. candidate lashes out at 'do nothings'

Mrs. Madeline N. Murphy, Sixth District Democratic candidate for City Council in the Sept. 7th Primary, has lashed out at the "do nothings."

She blames them for the H. Rap Browns 'and countless others who will rise up in his place,' pointing out that 'it is not words (such as those uttered by Brown), but conditions which create riots.'

A CHERRY Hill leader who is platforming on the theme 'elect the woman who will fight for you,' Mrs. Murphy's 'do nothings' statement says:

'H. RAP BROWN IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF:

'1. Do nothing legislators who turn their backs on rent strike legislation, open occupancy, fair employment practices.

'2. Do nothing city councilmen who insult the dignity and sensibilities of thousands of people by not passing fair housing legislation, bickering over patronage and personal power, and caring not at all for public accommodations, open to all, squeaking through legislation for rent subsidy.

'3. Do nothing industry that has suddenly found jobs for colored individuals in the face of a near riot yet has heretofore turned it back of the Youth Opportunity Center, Poverty program, Neighborhood Youth Corps and the Comprehensive Employment Program.

'4. Do nothing city administration that has suddenly found enough muscles to enforce a fair employment program in its agencies. How effective it is we shall see, for its my neighborhood — South Baltimore — it is heartbreaking to see the number of young men and women unemployed.

''4. Do nothing state agencies who set up personnel policies which are designed to exclude the colored and not include him.

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MRS. MURPHY explains: 'Yes, Baltimore City has been dirty, Baltimore City has been dying all in its power, and the State of Maryland has been worse, to keep the colored in his "so-called place";' 'Cutting through his properties with expressways, ignoring building, fire and sanitation codes in his slum dwelling;

'Giving him the oldest dilapidated schools, denying him free access to public places, ridiculing him and denigrating him in the mass media, snuffing out his ambition to get into the main stream of life by never appointing him to top jobs though qualified, or drastically lowering the salary.

'And if we think Baltimore City is bad, Cambridge, the 'sick city' as Governor Agnew calls it, is everything wrong with Baltimore magnified ten times over.

'These are the conditions that have spawned a Rap Brown, and countless others who will rise up in his place. For it is not words which create riots; conditions create riots. Frustration and despair create riots.

'Lawlessness that hides behind business expedience creates and begets lawlessness.

'Corruption, which is more damaging to a whole society than riots, is winked upon in our society.

'Theft is not theft, murder is not murder, violence is not violence, depending upon whose side the law rests.

'For I learned long ago from my business law professor, who was a white Southerner, the expression 'the law is what the judges say it is.'

'Otherwise, how is it that thirty Civil Rights leaders have been murdered in the South within the last ten years; only three of the murderers have been convicted, and at this moment are free, free.

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'THE GUILT of Cambridge is upon all of us, who for political expediency have not exercised the statesmanship demanded of these trying times — the statesmanship that demands that we be bold and act out: 'WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION, ESTABLISH JUSTICE, INSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY, PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE, PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE, AND SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

Rather than abridge the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment to that Constitution:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Colored people have been as a peaceable voice, crying in the Wilderness, and no one has heard.

Those who commit treason among us are the politicians, the police force in its brutality, in its shake downs the merchants, the slum lords, the manufacturers, the school personnel and boards who have cultivated the kind of injustices and the add result being the rightful dissent which has caused riots is every sector of our country.

"Three Hundred years subjugation, one hundred of which has been lived in quasi-slavery, cannot be wiped out by the magic wand study committee, composed of all who agree on the status quo, by catching scapegoat and passing the buck.

"This kind of subjugation and quasi-slavery which has spawned a tug of war between the haves and have nots, which has spawned abject poverty and the dream of wealth, without ever building a bridge between where people are, to where they ought to be, has got to stop NOW.

"Massive public works programs should be instituted every school should have a Day Care center.

"If we could train unskilled and unschooled people for the war in 1942 against the Germans and Japanese, we can certainly train these same people for the War Against Poverty.

"For otherwise the great cities of the U.S. and everyone in them will be reduced to vast waste land where none — the haves, have nots, the very poor and the very rich will all be back to nothing.

"And most of all, once we still the voice of protest forcibly, we become totalitarian, part of a dictatorship in which no one shall be safe from persecution."

—Taking 'low road'

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fore the City Council.

"That bill banned discrimination in places of public accommodations, in health, education and welfare facilities, and in employment, and strengthened the Community Relations Commission.

"Where was he?

"I have introduced on four separate occasions strong open occupancy laws in the City Council and have fought for their passage.

"Where was he?

"During the most recent session of the City Council, I co-sponsored a bill to prohibit discrimination by bars and taverns.

"Where was he?

"For several years I led efforts to equitably reapportion the City Council, and I vigorously supported the Bard Redistricting Plan which gives colored citizens more voting power.

"Where was he?

"In 1963 I urged Sen. Brewster to oppose George Wallace in the Democratic Presidential Primary and I was in the forefront of Sen. Brewster's campaign against Gov. Wallace.

"Where was he?

"I have consistently advocated and supported anti-poverty and welfare legislature to attack the economic and social conditions which plague the colored ghetto of our City.

"I introduced the first bill to establish the 'war on poverty' program in Baltimore, and later I cast a crucial vote against a motion to cripple the Community Action Agency.

"During the past session of the council, I led the successful battles to pass the controversial 'Self Help' and 'Rent Subsidy' programs, and for passage of the $2.8 million Concentrated Employment Program to provide 2,500 jobs for Baltimore's low-skilled and unemployed persons.

"Where was he?

"Many private citizens found it in their hearts and conscience to join me in these fights for equality and social reform.

"This opponent chose to remain silent.

"My stands on these issues and my votes to support them are a matter of public record.

"It is to the public record that the voters of Baltimore should turn to decide which candidates have demonstrated a sincere interest in working for a better life for all of the citizens of the city and which are interested now at election time only in mouthing words and trying to milk votes."

Marshall's approval due this week

WASHINGTON (UPI) President Johnson's controversial choice of Thurgood Marshall to be a Supreme Court Justice was scheduled for Senate approval this week before Congress begins a 10-day Labor Day recess.

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said he expected the Senate to consider the Marshall nomination by midweek. Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., a supporter of the nomination in the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he did not anticipate protracted debate.

The committee approved the nomination of Marshall, by an 11 to 5 vote. His ultimate Senate approval appeared assured.

Senators on both sides may want to get on record, however, before the vote on Marshall who represented the NAACP in Landmark school desegregation cases before the Supreme Court, Marshall has been serving as Solicitor General — the government's own attorney in the Supreme Court.

CCO posts its list of candidates

The Civic Citizens Organization, 3055 Ascension St., has endorsed City Council candidates Mrs. Madeline Murphy and Mrs. Mary Kay Johnson of the 6th District for Sept. 7 election.

The group also endorses Peter G. Angelos for mayor; Clarence M. Mitchell III for president of the City Council and Francis J. Valle for comptroller.

On Tuesday, Aug. 22, the organization held a Cherry Hill Night for its favorite candidates to meet the residents of Cherry Hill.

The Aug. 17 Chesapeake Beach outing given by the group was for 31 children of the community who went by bus and enjoyed the day complete with refreshments and rides.

Mrs. Ruth Wilson is CCO president, Mrs. Gladys Mintz, secretary.

ELECTION

RALLY IN ALLEY — These happy faces belong to partisans of Del. Victorine Adams, candidate for City Council from the Fourth District. Mrs. Adams, left, glows as she reaches for out-stretched hand of voters.

Masons annual session

More than 300 members are present in Baltimore from all areas of the state of Maryland for the Annual Convocation of the Masonic Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

The three-day event at the Allen Temple, 1307 Eutaw Place, opened Sunday with the 120th Annual Memorial Service.

Monday's activities included the 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. workshop and 10 a.m. to 12 noon business sessions also at the Temple.

The annual Masonic family picnic at Glenwood Country Club was a gala affair from 2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday.

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TODAY (TUESDAY) opens with the 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. workshop. The closing session begins at 10 a.m. and includes election of officers.

Among the delegates, guests and friends is Donald E. Jones, district deputy grand master from Paris, France.

Other guests include Masons from New Jersey, Delaware, Washington and Pennsylvania.

The Sunday Memorial Service, a solemn occasion, witnessed the roll call of deceased Maryland members read by Frederick T. Hicks, grand secretary.

Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels, presided.

The Rev. William W. Payne, pastor of Wayland Baptist Church, Baltimore, delivered the memorial address. The Rev. Mr. Payne was introduced by Elmer T. Hawkins, deputy grand master.

Others on the program included Theodore W. Kess, assistant district deputy who gave Invocation; James H. Dorsey, grand senior warden who gave the Scripture reading; F. Jerry Williams, grand junior warden, who gave benediction.

Announcements were by Donald D. Scott, general chairman and made by William O. Wilson, past master of Morning Star Lodge No. 44 and by the Wayland Baptist Church choir.

As a public service, Grand Master Daniels introduced several political candidates who gave brief talks.

Bring greetings from City Argus was Dr. Gilbert Ware, his assistant.

Among the political candidates present were Thomas D'Alesandro III, president of the City Council and candidate for mayor; William J. Schaefer, candidate for City Council president and Dimon A. Freeman, candidate for Comptroller.

Also Arthur W. Sherwood, grand master.

Dixon endorses Tommy for mayor

Fourth District Del. Isaiah Dixon Jr., bolted his organization Monday to endorse a mayoralty candidate opposed by his political allies.

Mr. Dixon, freshman delegate to the General Assembly, is allied with the People's Democratic Action Organization, headed by Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd.

Mr. Mitchell is a candidate for the Democratic nomination of President of the City Council on a slate headed by Peter G. Angelos, candidate for mayor.

Mr. Dixon issued a strong endorsement of Thomas D'Alesandro, who is opposing Mr. Angelos.

"Mr. D'Alesandro," Mr. Dixon declared, "is the best thing that could happen to Baltimore."

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TEXT OF the statement by Mr. Dixon, who won election to the General Assembly by running under the Mitchell banner, follows:

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"THOMAS D'ALESANDRO 3RD is the only Democratic candidate for mayor with the ability, experience and know how which would continue to move this city ahead.

"He is the best thing that could happen to Baltimore. I believe Tommy recognizes the needs of the colored community and as a city councilman and lately as City Council president he never failed to support legislation including open housing, that would benefit the colored citizens."

Mr. Dixon said that he could not in good faith, "support, especially in the days of racial tension, someone who has not truly proven himself as an undoubtable friend of the colored community, and with less experience than Mr. D'Alesandro.

"The progress of this city lies in officials who have the welfare of the colored city dwellers at heart," he said.

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MR. DIXON further urged support of Sen. Mitchell for election to the presidency of the City Council.

"It is time that we had a colored person on the top level of our city government," he said, "and I believe Sen. Mitchell has the qualifications to fill the post."

SEPT. 5

Lafayette-Douglass senior citizens are sponsoring a discussion of the Waxter Center for Senior Citizens, with Franklyn C. Hoehreiter, executive secretary, Baltimore Commission on Problems of Aging, 2 p.m. at 20 N. Arisuith St. Refreshments will be served. All senior citizens welcome.

Republican candidate for mayor who was introduced by the Rev. Robert Newbold, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church.

And City Councilman Henry Parks, 4th District candidate for re-election and running mates, Mesdames Victorine Adams (member of the House of Delegates) and Emma Michaels, both candidates for 4th District City Council seats.

Also Dr. Emerson R. Julian, (D) candidate for a 4th District City Council seat; Clarence Blount, (D) candidate for City Council from the 5th District and Horace Ashby for City Council president on the Sherwood-Beck ticket.

In addition to Messers Daniel, Dorsey, Hicks, Hawkins, Scott and Williams, other Maryland Masonic officials are Alvan Stanley, grand secretary emeritus and Richard J. White — Jr., district deputy grand master.

ANNUAL MESSAGE — Masons sat in rapt attention at Masonic Temple Sunday as Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels delivered his annual message.

Romney cancels trip to Europe

OSAGE BEACH, Mo. (UPI) —Gov. George Romney Monday cancelled a scheduled trip to Europe next month in order to "re-examine social justice and human progress in the nation's cities."

"Before I look at other parts of the world again," Romney said, "I want to take a fresh look across the nation at the domestic problems of housing, jobs, education, law enforcement, health and human relations."

are you a . . . G-W-F-T-V?

If you are, don't be . . .
A G (guy or gal) W (who) F (fails) T (to) V (vote)
is not exercising his Constitutional rights. He or she is leaving this precious right to other people. He has no say in his own government. Be sure to go to the polls Thursday, September 7, 1967.

POLLS OPEN FROM 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Angelos wars on taxes; D'Alesandro eyes crime

Angelos

Peter G. Angelos, Democratic candidate for mayor, today called for a three-point tax relief on housing program to relieve the tax burden on individual homeowners and provide a long-range increase in the city's assessable base.

Mr. Angelos said, "Baltimore must be a pioneer among American cities to improve and stabilize housing for its citizens. I propose that the following three programs be instituted:

'1. "A tax relief program should be started throughout the city for those homeowners that have been residents for at least five years and are 62 years of age or over.

"This would lend stability in home ownership and provide economic assistance for our elderly citizens in maintaining their residences. It would give this long-ignored segment of our population decency, dignity and help to prevent them from having to go on welfare.

2. "On all new home improvements, assessments for these improvements should be held off for five years to all home owners. This five-year hiatus would encourage home owners to properly maintain and improve their property.

"A great deterrent to such improvements presently exists because home owners know that the minute they are made, rents and taxes go up and there is obvious reluctance to assume additional tax burdens.

3. "In the Urban Renewal areas where rehabilitation is proposed, a similar tax hiatus be granted for home owners in these areas.

"However, the city can be reimbursed for this five-year loss through grant funds obtained from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. These could be prototype demonstration grants aimed at the housing market.

"Baltimore cannot afford to permit housing deterioration to continue leading to further spread of blighted slum areas. The time is now to provide sadly-lacking leadership through this tax relief program for home owners.

"Any small temporary loss in revenues will be more than made up, for in the long run Baltimore will enjoy increased revenues from well-maintained and improved properties and city's entire economic base will be broadened and strengthened. Our city should set the example for cities across the country to emulate. This is our opportunity."

D'Alesandro

City Council President Thomas J. D'Alesandro 3d tonight said "the city has now more urgent and critical tasks than to step up its fight to reduce and stop crime."

In a major policy statement on crime and law enforcement, the Democratic candidate for Mayor advocated "a broad, long-term program of social action encompassing better schools, improved housing and an end to unemployment and underemployment."

"...it immediate and significant gains in combating crime must be made, he said, outlining a seven-point program to accomplish this as follows:

'1. The community as a whole must involve itself more closely in law enforcement.

"2. The efforts of all agencies concerned . . . must be concentrated and coordinated . . . under a Baltimore Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (proposed by Mr. D'Alesandro last May).

"3. The operations of the Police Department must continue to be strengthened.

"4. The effectiveness of other law enforcement agencies such as the courts, the prisons and the penal system must be strengthened and more emphasis placed upon rehabilitation of the offender.

"5. Juvenile services must be unified and intensified.

"6. We must re-evaluate our treatment of alcoholism and narcotics addiction.

"7. We must obtain additional Federal and State aid to improve police protection and related services."

In a section of the report entitled "Looking Back," Mr. D'Alesandro said the police department has made great progress under Commissioners George Gelston and Donald Pomerleau.

Under a "Looking Ahead" section, the council president makes five main points:

"1. The Police Department needs a new headquarters, and a building loan should be approved.

"2. The department must continue to upgrade its personnel.

"3. There should be additional programs to involve residents of low-income neighborhoods in police activities.

"4. Planning, research and performance controls must be expanded.

"5. The department must bring new technology to bear on its operations."

LBJ celebrates a quiet birthday

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson quietly celebrated his 59th birthday at the White House Sunday thankful for his health and confident of the future.

The White House said the President spent a "quiet day with his family," a day that also included "some of his regular work."

Burney becomes 6th proxy of A-A Life

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — (NPI) — J. H. Burney, II, has been elected as the sixth president of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company, succeeding Dr. James H. Lewis, who will continue to serve as chairman of the board.

Burney is also the first non-white in modern history to be appointed to a Jacksonville municipal policy-making board, the Jacksonville Recreation Board.

A first

HOUSTON, Tex. (UPI) — The first United States vessel to launch a plane was the battleship Texas in 1919.

The ship now is open to the public in her permanent dock at the Houston ship channel.

Wallace urges school boards to use new plan

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) — Gov. Lurleen Wallace urged Alabama school boards Saturday to set in motion her plan to let parents of school children decide if they want colored or white teachers this fall.

She made the appeal even though legislation for the Wallace plan has not yet passed the State legislature.

The plan, aimed at continuing teacher segregation, would allow parents, making their decision known through their children, to vote on having white or black teachers.

It also would allow Mrs. Wallace to cut off state school aid to local school systems refusing to make the poll of parents or refusing to follow its results.

Called a "Freedom of Choice" plan for teacher selection, the proposal has passed both the Alabama House and Senate in separate bills and needs only the approval of both houses on the same bill.

Notice to China

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Union Monday served notice to Communist China that it fully intends to hold onto the Siberia boundary established by Imperialist Tsarist Russia.

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