IN THEIR BAG — The sounds came across loud and clear during the jazz runs at Laurel Racetrack over the weekend in the second annual jazz festival there. At far left is the Count Basie, of course. Next to him, Joe Williams belts one. At center the Fifth Dimension does its thing. Literally "in their bag" during the slight drizzle Friday night are Mesdames Vivian Hatcher, Ida Gorham and Cathy Douglas from Washington, D.C. eated by them is Dr. D. I: McAllester, of Hampton, Va. At far right: the sinuous Miles Davis. (AFRO Photos by Irving Phillips).

'Rat search' uncovers body of dead man

"We thought we smelled something like dead rats. Then Clarence said, 'I've got to find that rat.'

"He went around the side of the garage, then called me."

Weldon Fuller of the 4500 block Finney Ave. was telling the AFRO Monday how he and Clarence Clayborne discovered a partially decomposed body near the rear of the Sinclair Service Station which Mr. Clayborne operates at Pennsylvania Ave. and Baker St.

About 100 persons watched from street corners and the filling station as a black police van pulled into the station to claim the body of a male tentatively identified as "Fingers".

"I noticed I hadn't seen him around for a couple of days," Cee Jay of the 2100 block Druid Hill Ave. commented.

"He's in bad shape."

The dead man's brother, Donald Woodland, identified the body.

According to Mr. Woodland, his brother had been missing from his house in the 2000 block Pennsylvania Ave., since last Thursday.

"We didn't think anything about it because sometimes he stays out with the boys," Mr. Woodland said.

"He was a good man, had plenty of friends, and several spectators echoed.

Police are investigating the death.

Pamphlets sold again in park

"People are anxious to read what the police don't want them to read," commented Socialist Robert Kaufman after he said he succeeding in selling 00 copies of "Workers' Power" Sunday in Druid Hill Park, now that his selling there has been ruled legal.

The ruling by City Solicitor George L. Russell allowing the "sale of ideas" in the park, will be a boon to his organization, he said.

Even after the ruling, Mr. Kaufman was arrested last week for selling pamphlets in the park.

The police arrest brought forth an official department directive against making arrests for selling political literature in the park.

A hearing on the charge has been postponed for two weeks.

This past Sunday he was not arrested, but a policeman again told him he couldn't sell literature in the park. Mr. Kaufman said nothin, "apparently the word hasn't filtered down."

Every Sunday he expects to be back in the park, selling copies of "Workers Power," "Guardian" and ivin pdices of discussions on the history of the black liberation movement.

Thousands hear jazz in 'runs' at Laurel

By AL RUTLEDGE

From opening to closing night the Second Annual Laurel Jazz Festival gave every indication that it would surpass the world-famous Newport Festival in every respect.

Despite heavy rains and aggrevating winds, confusion in the seating plans and a two-hour delay in the program more than 14,000 persons turned out for the first show of the three-day festival.

"If anything can hurt us," said spokesmen prior to opening day, "it will be the weather."

That nearly was the case. But thanks to the sturdiness of true lovers of the idiom and the near-audible prayers of the sponsors the rains ended and Count Basie was off and swinging: and with him a successful opening of the festival.

ALONG WITH Basie the Friday night show featured Miles Davis' Quintet, Dizzie Gillespie, Horace Silver Quntet, singer Joe Williams (who really set the pace) Roberta Flack and the Fifth Dimension.

The first Count Basie Award, sponsored by the National Brewing Co., which will be given annually to an outstanding jazz performer, was presented to the Mel Lewis-Thad Jones Big Band.

The Lewis-Jones aggregation is an incomparable example of the heights that can be reached by the fusion of black and white genius.

A special Saturday afternoon program featured a Salute to a "Quarter Century of Jazz Performers."

The old timers on hand, who each in his own right is a giant in the field, were Coleman Hawkins, Joe Newman, Roy Eldridge, Al Haig, Major Holley, and Ed Shaunaughsey.

Carmen McRae, Cannonball Adderly, Gary Burton, Herbie Mann, Thelonius Monk, Woody Herman and the Herd and Sonny Rollins all got together on Saturday night before a festival crowd of 10,000.

To quote a D.C. spectator, "The whole show was beautiful, but Cannonball was completely out of sight!"

GOV. SPIRO T. AGNEW had proclaimed Aug. 2, 3, 4 Maryland's official Jazz weekend. The heavyweights who performed on Sunday night gave it the final seal of approval.

What Rufus Harley, the world's foremost and only jazz-bagpipe-player, did to the thousands of spectators and performers alike at the closing show can be likened only to the showings of Paul Gonzales, Newport 1959 or Ray Charles, Newport, 1960.

The Art Farmer-Jimmy Heath Quintet, Jimmy Smith, Mel Lewis-Thad Jones Big Band, Arthur Prysock and Miriam Makeba put the final touches on a beautiful weekend of jazz.

AS IF all this wasn't Stokely Carmichael appeared on stage after his wife Miriam's act, raised his fist in the Black Power Salute and was cheered by everyone from the track owners to the hundreds in the 4-on-the-grass-seats. persons visited the 3-day festival. Either figure represents more than Newport has attracted in any single year.

SERVED IN VIETNAM — Sp/4 James A. Dennis, son of Mildred E. Dennis, 1835 E. Chase St., is stationed at Fort Meade after serving 13 months in Vietnam and after a 45-day leave at home, Mrs. Dennis reports that the grandfather of the youth, Arthur C. Milkam, worked at this post for 32 years.

Court rules boy, 14, was wrong in refusing to scrub floors on knees

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Should a teenaged boy scrub floors on his knees?

A Juvenile Court jurist says "Yes," adding "I have plenty times. There's nothing wrong with it."

However, a 14-year old youngster in court Friday as an accessory in an automobile theft, thought he should not.

In fact, he testified he had been working but walked off his job in a barbershop in East Baltimore because his boss asked him to scrub the floors on his knees.

"I don't scrub no floors on my knees," he told the court.

He was on the way home from the barbershop that day (Aug. 1) when a 15-year-old friend stopped by in a car he did not know was stolen and said, "Come on. Get in."

Mad at the world because of the floor-scrubbing deal, eager to "get away from it all," the 14-year old got in the car, "when I should have kept on walking."

At the top of the steep hill at St. Paul Place and Peasant St. according to a testifying K-9 police officer, the 15-year old boy doing the driving halted the 1965 convertible with the top down at a red light.

The policeman told the court when he started to go toward the car for a check on the youthful passengers, the driver released the brake and let the car roll down the hill, hitting another car and then crashing into the side of the building.

The two youngsters flung open the doors and ran.

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A POLICE dog named "Prince No. 24" caught up with the 15-year-old driver who was later taken to Mercy Hospital with two bites on his "you know where."

The 14-year old was apprehended by a passer-by from the top of a car in a nearby parking lot.

This was the youngster who did not like to scrub floors on his knees.

The youthful driver was sent to Boys Village for theft of the car.

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THE LECTURE to the first teenager was, "Now, don't you think you had better go back and get your job and scrub floors rather than get in trouble? Honest work is good for you."

"And it won't hurt you to scrub floors on your knees. I have done it.

"Scrub the floors, do what your boss wants you to and work up to a better job.

"Your companion was kneedeep in stealing cars, smoking school being idle, one of these days he may come home dead or kill somebody," — a youngster driving stolen cars.

"Don't you end up like that. Don't walk off your job. Work and go to school and you will come out okay."

JOBS

Applications are being accepted by the Interagency Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Federal Office Building, Lombard St. and Hopkins Pl., for the following positions:

Meteorological technician — $6,32 $8,462.

Technical aides in science and engineering — open.

REGISTER to VOTE
August 12 last day to register to VOTE in Sept. 10 PRIMARY

FUN IN THE DELUGE—Water water everywhere scene was captured by AFRO Photographer Irving Phillips at Whitmore Ave. in the deluge Friday afternoon.

Agnew fills judgeship with Liss

Gov. Spiro T. Agnew on Friday announced the appointment of Solomon Liss, chairman of the State Public Service Commission, as an associate judge on Baltimore's Supreme Bench, succeeding the recently re-Byrnes.

His appointment becomes effective Sept. 1, and he is to serve an interim term until the general election in 1970 when he will have to stand for election to a 15-year term.

Mr. Liss, 54, is a veteran attorney and former member of the City Council from 1955 to 1963.

The Agnew appointment of him to Judge Byrnes' post still leaves the Supreme Bench one colored judge among 17 — Judge Harry A. Cole.

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THE BYRNES post, also, is one in which suit has been filed in City Court asking that it be filled by election this fall, rather than remain an appointive post after Dec. 31.

The suit was brought by Joseph C. Howard, a candidate for the Supreme Bench, through his attorneys Archie D. Williams and Gerald A. Smith.

Currently, there are three judgeships on the ballot, those of interim appointees who must run for elective terms.

Youth charged in baby's death

A 25-year-old man was charged yesterday (Thursday) with homicide in the death of a four-year-old he had been caring for last Wednesday afternoon when she died.

Robert Bailey, of the 300 block E. 22nd. St., was charged yesterday.

The young girl, Vanessa Lucas, of the 200 block N. Afsquith St., was declared dead on arrival at Church Home and Hospital at 3:03 p.m. Wednesday. Police reported that there were bruises and scratch marks over the body.

Dr. Charles Springate, assistant medical examiner, stated the cause of death as various injuries to the brain, police said, and undertook a more detailed autopsy. The final results of the examination will not be known for several weeks.

The man charged yesterday told police earlier that the young girl had climbed on top of a dresser in the morning, had fallen, and struck her head on the corner of a bed.

Later, he said, the girl complained of being dizzy. He put her to bed, police said, and was unable to awaken her at 2:30 p.m. Police listed the body as claimed by Mrs. Lucille Lucas.

Registrations top 3,000; deadline set at Aug. 12

The NAACP Non-Partisan Voters Crusade has produced 3,000 new voters to date, the Supervisors of Elections records revealed this week.

About 1400 new voters were registered in Mondawmin in the suplementary voter registration conducted by the Supervisors of Elections at the reqest of the NAACP and the organizations cooperating in the campign.

New voters are still making the trek downtown to the Supervisors of Elections Office at 6 St. and Cathedral.

New voters numbering 803 were registered at the cnetral office in the People's Court Building.

Walter W. Black Jr., coordinator of the Voter Registration Campaign, stated that volunteer door-to-door canvassers and volunteers with automobiles to transport new voters are urgently needed.

Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, veteran NAACP Voter Registration director, gave notice that there are just five days left with the registration ending on Monday, August 12 at 9 p.m.

"This is a most crucial election year," she stated. "Every person who wants freedom for himself and his children should help get it by registering to vote in the primary and general elections. Now is the time to stop griping and make a giant step towards helping ourselves by getting on the books and carrying our neighbors with us."

Under the leadership of the Minsters Crusade, of which the Rev. O. St. Cair Franklin, pastor of Mount Zion Methodist Church, is chairman, and the Rev. Samuel Ray, pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church, is co-chairman, more than 200 churches have active Voter Registration Committees.

Neighborhood organizations and youth groups under the direction of Michael B. Mitchell, student director, are in the forefront of the door-to-door canvassers.

Mrs. Anna Clinkscales, president of the Baltimore Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, is maintaining an office at Edmondson Ave., and Denison St., offering free transportation to the voters in the Edmondson Village area.

The NAACP furnishes free transportation for every person who wishes to register. It can be arranged by calling the NAACP Office at LA. 3-8503 or LA. 3-8504.

STEEL REGISTRATION — Johnnie Fair (center), representative of the Steelworkers Union, outlines plans for spearheading the NAACP voter registration drive among workers at Bethlehem Steel. Flanking Mr. Fair are Walter W. Black Jr., NAACP Urban Program Director, and attorney Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, chairman of the Legal Redress Committee of the Maryland NAACP.

5 days left for voter registration

There are just five days left for voter registration prior to closing of the books this coming Monday.

Those who are not yet registered must do so by the Monday deadline, if they wish to vote in the Sept. 10 primary.

Supervisors of Elections officials are continuing to cooperate, with mobile registration units designated for certain areas of the city, a listing of which follows.

Also, the office at Fayette and Gay Sts.,

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Mitchell scores opponent's funds

Parren J. Mitchell, candidate for Congress from the 7th District, yesterday questioned political contributions to his opponent's campaign.

Mr. Mitchell accused incumbent Samuel Friedel with using his position on several Congressional committees to obtain political contributions for his campaign for reelection.

He declared Mr. Friedel "must stop selling out to special interest groups and start representing the interest of the people of his district."

Mr. Mitchell quoted a recent report that the con-

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Morgan professor found dead at home

Lawrence H. Middleton, 57, a geography professor since 1948, was found dead

Lawrence H. Middleton, 57, a geography professor at Morgan State College since 1948, was found dead in his home at 2410 Madison Ave. late Monday.

According to the police report, Mrs. Viola Johnson, a neighbor, stated she hadn't seen Mr. Middleton since Sunday. She further stated that he had told her he wasn't feeling well and to keep an eye on him.

When police were called to the scene to investigate, they found the apartment door locked from the inside. Upon entering they found the instructor slumped in a chair.

Police indicated there was no sign of foul play.

Mr. Middleton, who taught at Morgan for 20 years, held an AB from Lincoln University and an MS from Bermuda Biological Station.

A relative, William Middleton from Dayton, Ohio, will claim the body, police said.

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Services held for Michael Heath

Funeral services for Michael Heath of the 400 block Chestnut were held Monday at Friendship Baptist Church in Turner Station.

The 19-year-old youth was fatally injured last Tuesday when he discharged a 12 gauge, single barrell shotgun into his chest.

Rushed by ambulance to City Hospitals, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

According to the boy's father, Jeremiah Heath, a Sparrows Point steel worker, young Heath was alone when it happened.

"He was in the house and his four brothers and sister were outside playing.

"The 'I called me on the job,' the soft-spoken father said.

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THE REV. S. Thomson Dockey, pastor of Friendship Baptist, where the deceased's father has been a deacon for 10 years, presided at the funeral and at the graveside in Arbutus Memorial Park.

The youth is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Heath; two sisters, Mrs. Mae Rolly Brandy and Miss Gloria Heath; two brothers Douglass and Kurt Heath; two grandmothers and grandfathers; and 14 uncles.

Jackie Robinson Hangs 'Racists' Tag On Dick, Ted
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Strange 'Doctor' Barred From Burman's Room

(STORY IN COLUMN 1)

GI Dies In 'Forced March'

Burman quits hospital bed

Police are probing new and strange twists in the gangland-style attempt to assassinate Charles Burman, 35-year-old Pennsylvania Ave. figure.

Mr. Burman was cut down in a hail of bullets Aug. 3 as he left his luxury car parked in the driveway of his Rogers Ave. home.

Police are more than mildly interested in the identity of a man who posed as a "doctor from Provident Hospital" and attempted to enter the shooting victim's room last week.

Investigators became suspicious after receiving confidential information that someone would attempt to gain entry into (Mr. Burman's room under the guise of a doctor.

Purpose for the planned entry is unknown.

ALTHOUGH MR. Burman's room was being guarded by a Northwestern District patrolman, the man escaped arrest when he walked away after failing to furnish proper identification.

Patrolman Leonard Wheatley, said he became suspicious of the man because "I have never seen a doctor wearing a conk (processed hair)."

He told the AFRO that when he asked the 'doctor' to indentify himself he could not. "That combined with the fact that he was wearing a conk was enough for me not to admit him," he added.

Officer Wheatley did not explain why he did not arrest the stranger.

The visit came shortly

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BOTH BACK NIXON—Wilt Chamberlain, famed skyscraper basketball player, a Nixon backer from the start, jests with Senator Edward W. Brooke (right) at GOP Convention in Miami. Sen. Brooke seconded Nelson Rockefeller's nomination, but has since said he will back the Nixon-Agnew ticket. (AFRO Photo by Newson)

JACKIE ROBINSON

Officers ruled not responsible

FT. BENNING, Ga. — Two Army Ranger officers have been found not guilty of failing to provide medical treatment for a staff sergeant who died of heat stroke complications a week after participating in five-mile "forced march."

The officers, Capt. Lance C. Warner, 26, of Sandusky Ohio, and 2nd Lt. Robert E. Lanham Jr., 31, of Houston, Texas had been charged with derelection of duty by failing to provide S. Sgt. Len E. Baker, 23, with adequate medical attention.

The two officers are white.

Baker, who is colored, died May 26, seven days after the May 19 march.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE the six-member court-martial panel revealed that Baker, a Vietnam veteran, had fallen four times, about 45 minutes and three and one-half miles into the march.

Lt. Victor D. Faulkenberry testified that he had been sent back to aid stragglers and discovered Baker in a condition he described as "just hot" and he tried twice to help Baker along but "he collapsed on both occasions."

He said that then Warner and Lanham showed up and began attempting to restrain the wildly thrashing Baker.

BAKER BIT Faulkenberry on the hand and he (Faulkenberry) struck him twice in an attempt to free his hand.

The three officers then attempted to lift and pull Baker forward, an action which was the basis for a government charge of "dragging the sergeant."

Faulkenberry said Baker, then broke away from the officers and ran across the road in an abnormal fashion.

THE BOYISH looking Warner, a veteran of a year in Vietnam, was charged originally with striking and kicking Baker, but the charges were thrown out of the trial.

Lt. Lanham however ad-

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Aretha's mate asks $10 million

NEW YORK — Time Magazine was named defendant in a ten-million-dollar suit here last week, filed by Theodore (Ted) White, husband of famed singer Aretha Franklin.

White took the action in Federal District Court with a complaint that the nationally-circulated magazine defamed his character in a cover story run on his wife in the June 28 issue of the publication.

Through his attorney, Andrew Feinman, White asserted that he was maligned by a portion of the article that said he "roughed up" his wife "in public" and later referred to him as a former "street-corner wheeler-dealer."

Talking to a Michigan Chronicle reporter, White declared:

"This has been extremely detrimental to my reputation." said White of the inference. "Aretha's getting fan mail from kids who feel sorry for her because she has such a villain for a husband. I dread to think of the effect it will have on our kids."

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WHITE SAID the article further indicated that he had prospered in his marriage to the hit-making recording artist because of her flourishing career.

"No mention was made of the hard time we went through or how we scuffled for several years preceding Aretha's current success," he asserted.

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MISS FRANKLIN was reported to be equally upset over the feature story.

"Instead of attributing the factors of her being able to soulfully communicate with the public to artistry, they tried to exploit her personal life in a Fanny Brice manner as a reason for her talent, White said.

Nixon denies racism charge

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — A spokesman for Republican presidential nominee Richard M. Nixon Sunday labelled as "totally ridiculous" charges of racism on the part of Nivon made by former baseball star Jackie Robinson.

Herbert G. Klein, Nixon's press secretary told newsmen that a look at the records of both Nixon and Vice Presidential Candidate Spiro T. Agnew "show outstanding use of leadership building greater understanding between the races."

Klein also noted that Robinson had said before Nixon was nominated that the only Republican he would back for the presidency would be New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Lucky Diamond $$'s unclaimed

Fifty dollars in prize money went unclaimed Monday by five Lucky Diamond holders who failed to check their number in Friday's AFRO and claim.

These five persons failed to collect their winnings before the 5:30 deadline set for all numbers appearing in the Friday edition.

This means that five new numbers will be on page three of today's AFRO. Because it went unclaimed, the first number in this series will be worth $20.

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AFRO READERS with Lucky Diamonds are losing easy cash by not checking their AFRO each week to see if their Lucky Diamond is listed among the winning numbers.

Lucky Diamond numbers change every Tuesday and Friday.

Remember deadlines.

For Tuesday the deadline is 5:30 Thursday. For Friday the deadline is 5:30 Monday.

Your number could appear next.

The swellering heat prevented the AFRO's Money Man from making his rounds on Saturday.

But now that we have a cooling trend he'll be back in the streets this Wednesday looking for more of you lucky winners. Watch for him.

2 die, scores hurt in Watts explosion

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Police battled snipers in Watts for two hours early Monday during a major disturbance that left two persons dead and more than 40 injured on the third anniversary of the bloody 1965 riot.

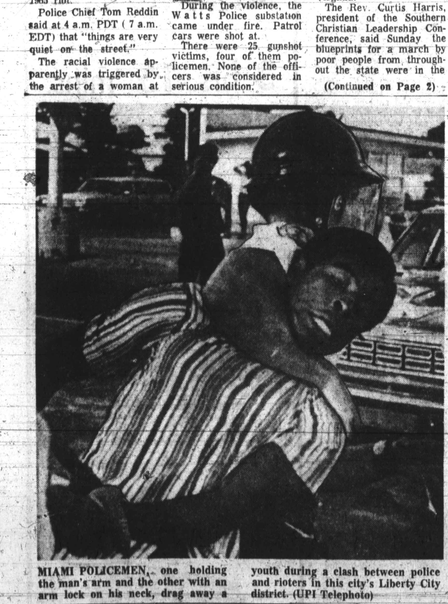
Police Chief Tom Reddin said at 4 a.m. PDT (7 a.m. EDT) that "things are very quiet on the street."

The racial violence apparently was triggered by the arrest of a woman at the third annual Watts Summer Festival at Will Rogers Park.

"We were fighting for our lives and we thought we were going to lose the whole thing," said Lt. Lou Ritter of the Los Angeles Police department.

During the violence, the Watts Police substation came under fire. Patrol cars were shot at.

There were 25 gunshot victims, four of them policemen. None of the officers was considered in serious condition.



MIAMI POLICEMEN, one holding the man's arm and the other with an arm lock on his neck, drag away a youth during a clash between police and rioters in this city's Liberty City district. (UPI Telephoto)

Poor to march on Richmond

WAVERLY, Va. (UPI) — A march which will enable the poor to "take its petitions to the government" will take place soon" in Virginia.

The Rev. Curtis Harris, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said Sunday the blueprints for a march by poor people from throughout the state were in the

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'Must beat Nixon' says Jackie in bolting GOP

By SAM LACY

Declaring that he would like to be able to lead "a total black march" to the Democratic party in November, Jackie Robinson offered an emotion-packed explanation of his defection from the Republicans, for AFRO readers Monday.

The former major league baseball star and Hall of Famer announced Sunday that he could not support a Republican ticket of Richard Nixon and Spiro T. Agnew. He said he plans to work hard to elect a Democratic candidate, "providing it is one of those now being prominently mentioned as probable nominees."

A Nixon-Agnew coalition, declared Jackie, "is unquestionably racist." He said there is no doubt in his mind that "a deal was made with the segregationist South when he won the nomination and turned to Agnew as his second man.

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"I'VE BEEN a staunch Republican but I'm a black man first. I think Nelson Rockefeller is the greatest guy in the land, but the GOP has shown me it doesn't want me and my kind.

"For that reason," Jackie went on, "I intend to do everything in my power to put another Democrat in the White House. I'm a firm believer in the two-party system, but I have too much self dignity to forfeit to a Republican ticket that virtually spits in my face, and the face of my black brothers.

"THERE'VE BEEN some reports that colored people will react by staying away from the polls in November," Robinson continued. "This would be tragic.

"This is the most crucial election the colored man has faced. He can't afford to stay away from the polls. He must vote now, if he never voted before.

"I hope I can lead a total black march to the ballot box for the Democratic nominee, so long as he isn't someone like Georgia's Lester Mad-

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Leaders blast Agnew; to shun GOP nominees

MIAMI — Whether or not he was responding to the chorus of disenchantment being voiced by colored leaders over his and Gov. Spiro T. Agnew's nominations here last week, Richard Nixon said at week's end that both he and the Maryland governor would actively woo black votes.

In a press conference Friday, the Republican nominee for President of the U.S. said he would be engaged in a "bridge-building venture," seek to re-establish rapport between the black and white dissident in the country.

He said he would work hard to erase racial prejudice and to earn the respect and votes of non-

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Republican choices spur voter registration here

In the throngs of people who sought to register to vote yesterday (Monday), in the last-ditch effort before the books were closed for the primaries, many admitted they were drived there by the Republican party's choice of the two men to head its ticket.

When the books were closed yesterday, a total of 3,548 persons had registered. The number included 568 as Republicans and 2,906 as Democrats. Those declining were 74.

Some of those who were waiting in line yesterday commented to the AFRO:

Miss Brenda Murray, 26

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Two Indians were having their first look at water skiing. Asked one, "Why boat go so fast?" Answered the other, "Lunatic, on string chase 'em."

Humphrey given warm welcome

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI) — Colored and Mexican-American youngsters gave Vice President Humphrey a cheering,

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