Mitchell opens N.W. location

Seventh District Congressional Candidate Parren J. Mitchell opened his Northwestern Campaign Headquarters at 5332 Park Heights Ave. Thursday.

Mr. Mitchell, who had charged that landlords in white areas had refused to rent to him, said that he was "relieved" that "after weeks of searching" supporters of his campaign had found him a location.

He spoke at the formal opening of the new headquarters at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. Mitchell promised a strong drive in the predominantly white areas of Northwest Baltimore and Baltimore County.

"We will build," he said, "a new coalition of dedicated citizens of both races to assure the best possible representation for all the people of the Seventh District."

Brewster presses for new park

Senator Daniel B. Brewster has announced he has asked Housing and Urban Development Secretary Robert C. Weaver to give careful consideration to plans for the Historic Park Urban Renewal Project in Baltimore.

Sen. Brewster said he hopes HUD will approve a $1.8 million grant that will allow the immediate start of the project to create a

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BLACK ART FESTIVAL — Posed and unposed art was equally alluring at the Black Arts Festival held at Harlem Park all day Saturday. Music and dance groups were also on hand for the event, sponsored by the Soul School. At right, sporting the new mode in dress are: (from left) Ruth Wise, Jaous E'Fe, Lois Wiley, Jakie Hall, Folami, Follabu and Sister X.

Sen. Curran asks welfare reforms

Senator J. Joseph Curran Jr., candidate for Congress in the 4th Congressional District, today promised "to devote my maximum energy to a total reform of the welfare system."

Senator Curran stated that the "galaxy of social programs" funded by OEO cannot now be afforded, and that job training should have the highest priority until more funds become available.

He urged government assistance to private civic, philanthropic, and church projects, performing similar functions to those now administered by OEO.

Senator Curran asked that consideration be given to wage supplements and tax incentives to encourage greater participation by business in the task of job training and finding; and that consideration also be given to a broadened purpose for Social Security, to deal with the aged, blind, and disabled.

Finally, he urged consideration be given to the concept of a negative income tax, rather than a family allowance, because the former recognizes the need for incentives, in personal and economic development.

In concluding his statement, Senator Curran said: "I promise to devote my maximum energy to a total reform of the welfare system. The bulk of our people have little or no confidence in it —believing that it does no more than subsidize the lazy, a charge which is all too accurate, all too often.

"Once again, we witness a tragic public misunderstanding, which has produced a natural resistance to the whole public assistance effort. The highest priority must be given to educating the public about the facts of public assistance and about the economic realities attendant to it.

"In conjunction with this we must, if we wish to retain public support for public assistance programs, show the taxpayers by deeds, rather than promise by political rhetoric, that government is willing to deal harshly with those who defraud the system, and that government is willing to put every able-bodied man receiving public assistance to productive work."

ONETIME STATE LAWMAKER

Emory R. Cole rites Wednesday

Funeral services for Emory R. Cole, attorney and onetime member of the State Legislature (1955-58) will be held on Wednesday at Payne Memorial AME Church, where he was a longtime member.

EMORY R. COLE
Funeral Wednesday

Mr. Cole, 74, died on Friday at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he had been confined for two months.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. The Rev. W. P. Mitchell will officiate. Burial will be in Baltimore National Cemetery.

"IF I go to Annapolis, I'll never forget how I got there or what I'm there for," Mr. Cole said in an AFRO interview shortly after his election in November, 1954.

He won a seat in the House of Delegates by a bare margin of 91 votes.

He captured the sixth place in the Fourth District race with 11,395 votes. His election made him the only Republican to win in the Fourth District. He served one term.

In the 1954 AFRO inter-

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Police force vacancies down to 202

The Baltimore City Police Department reports that 68 patrolman vacancies have already been filled with an additional 96 recruitees awaiting clearance and final appointments as "Project Full Force" nears the end of its third month of operation.

As a result of this intensified recruitment program, the initial number of patrolman vacancies within the Department has dropped from 270 to 202.

In an effort to attract more men to the force, neighborhood recruiting stations have been set up in the Police Community Relations Centers and district station houses.

Two mobile recruiting vans are also in operation with an additional two expected to be put into operation in the near future.

According to Public Information director, William R. Morrisey, the main objective of the current drive is "to fill present vacancies so that a determination can be made as to whether additional personnel are needed."

The full patrolman strength of the department once the 202 vacancies are filled is expected to be 3,333 men.

Steps are being taken to accelerate the project by equiping each patrolman with portable recruiting kits and and recruitment brochures.

Humphrey, Brewster, Mitchell get 4th D. Demo's support

The bid of Hubert H. Humphrey for nomination as the Democratic candidate for President was given the support of the politically potent Fourth District Democratic Organization Monday night.

The vote followed the recommendation of the Candidates Committee. The recommendation had been approved last week by the group's executive board.

Went on record in support The organization also of Senator Daniel B. Brewster for re-election.

Parren J. Mitchell, who recently resigned as director of Baltimore's Community Action Agency, was given the nod in his effort to unseat incumbent Rep. Samuel Friedel of the Seventh Congressional District.

J. Joseph Curran Jr. was the organization's choice in his race against incumbent George Fallon of the Fourth Congressional District.

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JOSEPH C. HOWARD, Robert I. H. Hammerman, and Edwin J. Wolf drew the organization's support for the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. Mr. Wolf and Mr. Hammerman are incumbents.

Archie B. Williams and E. Paul Mason Jr. were chosen for support in their bids for seats on the People's Court of Baltimore City.

In annoucing its choices, the organization said careful consideration was given to "the issues, the community needs, the social, economic, and political theories involved and the qualifications of the various candidates."

Solomon Baylor, an attorney served as chairman of the Candidates Committee which included Senator Verda Welcome, Mrs. Mary B. Adams, Lloyal Randolph, and William L. Adams.

Senator Welcome is president of the Fourth District Democratic Organization. Henry G. Parks, City Councilman, is chairman of the board.

AFRO CLEAN BLOCK, A BALTIMORE INSTITUTION

5,000 children helped make 34th campaign huge success

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Once again for the 34th year AFRO Clean Block Campaign workers have successfully carried out a tradition that has made Baltimore famous the world over.

In three short months some 5,000 workers, mostly children, have quietly transformed the city into a garden spot that causes tourists from everywhere to look back with amazement and admiration as they carry the news afar.

As the contest went into the final stage Sunday, the judges toured over 250 blocks where houses row on row, sported sparkling white steps, window boxes filled with rainbows of flowers, neatly clipped hedges. Back yards have painted fences, sun umbrellas and beach chairs.

Winners of the event which always reveals the most beautiful blocks in town will be announced Sunday, Aug. 25. Prizes will be given during the final ceremonies scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 1307 Eutaw Place.

When the final count comes, the judges will also reveal that Baltimore is richer by far because Clean Block youngsters, and adults too, have:

Painted over 2,500 steps, cleaned over 1,900 marble steps, painted over 2,250 houses, painted over 1,800 houses with woodwork, cleaned over 2,300 yards, decorated over 2,500 house fronts with potted flowers, beautiful over 1,900 homes with flower boxes, cleaned over 1,400 alleys and planted over 2,416 yards with flowers.

And, because of the work of the army of AFRO Clean Block youngsters, over 20,000 persons are having a

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JUDGES for the 34th Clean Block Campaign left the AFRO office for a tour of the blocks Sunday. From left are: Mrs. Eloise Taylor, premium technician, Social Security, Woodlawn; Miss Linda Callaway, assistant director of Clean Block and judge; Mrs. Marian Winborne, laboratory scientist, Maryland State Department of Health and Mrs. Jeanette B. Leath, director of the Clean Block Campaign.

Williams hits election board with challenge

The Supervisors of Elections Board has accepted the Certificate of Candidacy of Archie D. Williams filed to run in the September 10 Primary Electione on the Democratic ticket but has turned down the one he filed for the Republican ticket.

According to a letter Mr. Williams received from the board, he is not on the Registration Records as a Republican and is therefore refused.

In answer, Mr. Williams, a candidate for Judge of the Peoples Court, has filed a writ of mandamus in Baltimore City Court claiming he is eligible to seek nomination even though he is not affiliated with the Republican Party on the Registration Records.

He terms the board's action in refusing him is "arbitrary and calculated to deprive him of his rights under the laws of the state of Maryland."

The suit is directed to board members, Peter Parker, Marshall W. Jones Jr. and Betty M. Silbert who are named as defendants.

Judge Meyer Cardin, who signed the writ Aug. 12, has given the board 30 days to show cause why Mr. Williams' petition should not be granted.

Mr. Williams is represented by attorneys Gerald A. Smith and Milton B. Allen.

Escaped prisoner gives brother's name in court

A Criminal Court trial was disrupted suddenly Friday when a Probation Department report disclosed that a prisoner found guilty of escape from a Baltimore City Jail sentence had given police officers and the court the name of his brother instead of his own.

As a result, Judge James A. Perrott, the presiding jurist, suspended the hearing and ordered an immediate investigation.

The prisoner is, according to Probation records, Richard McKinley, 22, 1200 block Oakhurst Place, who court records reveal, gave his name as "Robert Lee McKinley."

The Probation Department report showed a "Richard McKinley" as having a previous Criminal record while the person named "Robert McKinley" has no record.

The early afternoon trial included testimony from a statement of fact read by the assistant states attorney and agreed to by the defendant. Upon the ev-

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GI tells Judge Cole he prefers Vietnam to jail

In Criminal Court Friday, David T. Goodwyn Jr., 19, 1600 block E. Madison St., a GI stationed at Fort Meade, was found guilty of assault on a 14-year-old school girl.

The incident occurred in the recreation center storage room at Easterwood Park May 16 when the young man was on furlough and in the vicinity with several of his friends.

And, according to testimony, the 14-year-old girl was playing hookey from school at the time.

The GI begged the court for mercy and asked that he have a chance to "go straight to Vietnam," rather than go to jail.

However, Judge Harry A. Cole, after hearing two days testimony, imposed a sentence of 18 months "in hopes this sort of thing can be stopped."

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JUDGE COLE said, "I have no difficulty in understanding exactly what happened.

"Young boys like you and your friends do it entirely too often. Some of you instead of going to work stand on corners near schools, molesting the girls.

"Admittedly, the girls should be in school but that gives no reason for them to be laid open to chance for rape or attempted rape.

"In this case, the young men had been hanging around in a pack all day. The defendant was with them.

"The girl was in the park. She went to her school nearby and returned to the park.

"The boys followed her. She tried to walk away. One of them grabbed her. The defendant took her into the field house. Two of his companions waited their turn outside the door.

"The girl cried, in fact, so loud at one time someone came from the school to see what was wrong.

"The defendant became discouraged. There was no doubt what he intended to do. He is lucky. A charge of rape could have meant his life."

Draft Board takes rights of parents—mother says

The ascindency of the authority of the state over that of the parent of a young man still considered to be a minor was demonstrated Friday when a protesting mother accompanied her son to his draft board for registration.

Mrs. Helen G. Alexander, of Frederick, who is "absolutely opposed to being compelled by law to relinquish the jurisdiction of my son to the state," allowed her son, Wayne, to register because she could not exercise her "prerogative as a parent of a minor and refuse to allow him to register."

Having done so, there would have been no way for her to become a defendant in the case, and her son would alone have been placed in jeopardy and subjected to immediate prosecution.

In addition, the court could have appointed a guardian in her place who would have cooperated with the Selective Service System.

In a protest which she asked be acknowledged and recorded by the draft board, Mrs. Alexander decried compulsory military conscription as "unjust, immoral, undemocratic, unconstitutional, and un-American." And in a press release she cited the 13th Amendment slavery-13th Amendment prohibition of slavery and involuntary servitude and "those 'unspecified rights' contained in the Ninth Amendment."

In a pamphlet appealing to mothers, "black and white," to join MD (Mother's Draft Resistance), Mrs. Alexander stated that on 17 June 11women burned 12 draft cards near the Supreme Court Building in Washington.

VICTIM is wheeled from scene in aftermath of three-car accident at Hilton and Edmondson early Saturday evening.

Area B meet set Wednesday

Marshall W. Jones Jr., newly named chairman of the Model Cities Agencies' Area B in East Baltimore, has scrdulled a meeting of the residents of that sector at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The meeting, termed an organizational and educational one, will be at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 1801 N. Bond St.

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Parade drums up judgeship supporters

The candidates for judgeships took their case to the people Sunday in a hand-shaking, horn-blowing, rollicking caravan that left many Sunday afternoon strollers with a new awareness of what's happening in Baltimore politics.

Bystanders were besieged with buttons emblazoned with "Mitchell, Howard, Williams—Soul" and "Do What You Gotta Do" by a bevy of pretty girls who flanked the slow-moving, 50-car motocade in a heavily populated East Baltimore area.

The parade was sponsored by the Young Crusaders and was designed to stir support for attorney Joseph P. Howard and attorney Archie Williams, who are running for judgeships in the Sept. 10 primary. Parren J. Mitchell, who is running for Congress from the 7th Congressional District, heads the ticket.

It wound its way from Madison Square through a four-mile course and back to Madison Square for a rally.

An unusual twist to the parade was a shiny black hearse bearing the sign, "The Sitting Judge Myth—R.I.P."

Larry Gibson, the young attorney who is coordinator of the new political group, the Young Crusaders, said the sign pointed up the fairness of the practice of automatically backing politically-appointed judges for reelection, "a procedure which leads to the perpetration of judges on the bench for extended periods

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Confusion, Disputes, Strikes Plague Democrats

Tearful Suitor Frees Girlfriend

Strikes, disputes, air-tight security haunt Democrats

By ART CARTER
AFRO Associate Editor

CHICAGO — The same old bugaboo which significantly shaped the Republican ticket at Miami appeared to be rearing its ugly head in the Democratic ticket as the Democratic National Convention gets under way here Monday.

Amid the confusion, uncertainty and military type security, delegates were faced with the unfavorable prospect of a strong Dixie influence dominating the selection of the vice presidential nominee.

In this event, it would virtually be a repeat of the Miami fiasco which saw the Republicans allowing the Southern bloc to dictate the choice of the vice presidential nominee, resulting in the GOP's much discussed Nixon - Agnew ticket.

This situation with the Democrats has come about in the aftermath of the preconvention committee acceptions on rules and credentials, and as of early Monday threatened to force a deep breach in the Democratic ranks.

So serious is the probable breach that many observers predict the big question is whether the Democrats will come out of this hectic convention with a continuing image of progressivism and responsibility for the "little man," or whether the fierce infighting and hullabalo will leave the party hopelessly divided.

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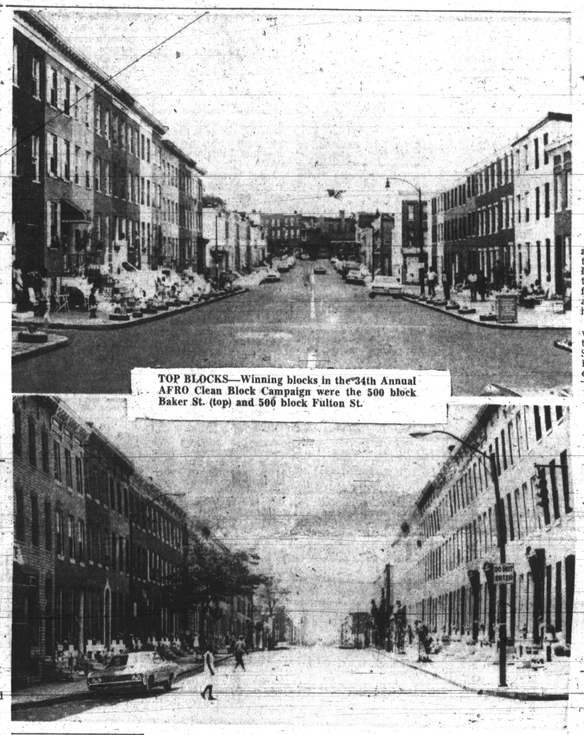

TOP BLOCKS—Winning blocks in the 34th Annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign were the 500 block Baker St. (top) and 500 block Fulton St.

Woman unhurt as man heeds mother's plea

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER and GLEN FALLIN

A 24 year-old automobile assembly line worker, identified by police as Laird Davage, held a young beautician captive in his second floor Wildwood Parkway apartment more than six hours Monday.

During the tense seizure, when the 29 year-old attractive woman, Miss Marilyn Smith, was imprisoned, hundreds of persons gathered on both sides of the street and in the grassy center plot to watch the drama.

They gasped as they saw the man grab his captive and pull her back from the window on several occasions.

Police officers took turns over a period of four hours, pleading cautiously from the lawn in front the house, selecting their words carefully in fear that any moment some harm would come to the woman.

Also pleading from the lawn was Davage's mother, Mrs. Charles McMillan, 2000 block Mt. Royal Terrace.

Both Mrs. McMillan and her husband, Davage's stepfather, asked the young man to let the woman go unharmed.

The parents and the police officers promised Davage repeatedly that he would receive medical attention. He has a history of mental illness, the mother told the AFRO.

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FINALLY, AT about 4:20 p.m. Miss Smith, dressed in a white mini-dress and black strap sandals emerged from the front door of the house.

She appeared to be unharmed with only her shoulder-length hair disheveled.

When Davage came from the door a few moments

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Keynote speaker condemns racism

By ART CARTER
AFRO Assoc. Editor

CHICAGO — A fervent plea to "put aside hatred on the one hand and timidity on the other, and grow fresh faith in our purpose and new vigor in our citizenship" was made by Democratic Senator Daniel K. Inouye Monday night.

Delivering the keynote address before a jam-packed audience at the opening night of the Democratic National Convention, the Hawaiian Senator, temporary chairman of the convention, declared now is the time "to build not only new buildings but new neighborhoods, and then live in them, all as full citizens, all as brothers."

Senator Inouye, dispensed with the usual rousing convention oratory, and spoke solemnly, soberly and seriously for the end of violence and a call for peaceful pursuit of progress.

Significantly a record number of colored delegates, a total of 236, were scattered in the picturesque audience in the super-protected International Amphitheatre as he cautioned all

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Pedestrian slain in auto, child dispute

An altercation near E. Eager and Warden Sts. Sunday afternoon left George Edward Jones, 43, of 600 block Melvin Dr., dead from head wounds and four suspects wanted by the police.

According to police, at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Alsup was sitting in a car operated by Thomas Anderson, 53, of 700 W. Barre St., as Mr. Anderson was accompanying several of his five chil-

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Rustin nixes 'go fishing' advice

CHICAGO — A massive nationwide campaign to increase registration and voting of black citizens was initiated here Sunday by the A. Philip Randolph Institute.

Bayard Rustin, director of the institute, outlined the plan at an informal reception of black delegates at the Pick Congress Hotel.

Rustin spoke on behalf of the aging A. Philip Randolph, veteran labor leader, who is ill and could not attend the session.

Holding the view that the November election will affect black Americans for the next 100 years, Rustin said this nation must "become one nation with justice for all" or it will be "torn into two nations — one black and one white."

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HE URGED the black delegates to return to their homes after the nominations and give immediate attention to increasing registrations in their areas and urge all registrants to vote come November.

NOTICE
THE ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPT. 2 (Labor Day).
All classified (word) ads for the Tuesday September 3rd issue must be in the office by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 30, 1968.

Sen. Welcome happy about unit rule end

By LILLIAN WIGGINS
AFRO Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO — Sen. Verda Welcome thinks that one of the healthiest things that has developed during the committee hearings for the Democratic National Convention is the proposal to abolish the unit rule.

In previous conventions this has been each delegation, where the rule is applicable, to vote according to majority sentiment, regardless of the individual feeling.

The liberalized plan will allow each delegate to vote according to his or her per-

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135 blocks win awards in Clean Block closing

Instead of just three top winners in the three divisions of the AFRO Clean Block Campaign at the closing ceremonies Sunday, there were four, putting the final note of excitement in the campaign that has grown bigger and better in each of its 34 years.

With so many entries at the peak of perfection, the judges had a hard time making their decision in the Row House competition. Thus it turned out that two blocks — 500 N. Fulton Ave. and 500 Baker St. — received identical first prizes of $50 each.

The announcement of winners Sunday also revealed that competition was so tight there were ties for second and third in the Row House category.

Top winners in the other sections — receiving their prizes in the gala afternoon exercises at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple — were:

1208 Short Court, captained by Anez Blackwell, winner of $30 as Number One Housing Project entry.

1600 N. Payson St., captained by Patricia Mooney, winner of $50 as top Suburban Type entry.

Back in the Row House category, explains of the two leading contenders were: Denise Pittman, 500 N. Fulton Ave. and Calvin Roy, 500 Baker St.

For the Fulton Ave. block, it again was a premier victory. Rules state that a block can win the top prize only every three years, and this block last was first place exactly three years ago. The Row House category is traditionally the one with the largest number of entries.

Others sharing honors in this group were:

Second place, $40, (Tie) — 500 Laurens St., Capt. Paulette Evans and 800 Chapel St., Capt. Liza Summerville.

Third place, $30, (Tie) —

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$ prizes given lucky winners

Two more winners in the AFRO's Lucky Diamond Contest chalked up $10 prizes which could go toward an end-of-the-summer splurge this week.

The $10 checks were claimed by Mrs. Louise Redfern, of 616 Collect St., and Mrs. Ruth Jackson, of 657 Portland St.

Together they point up the fact that welcome cash awaits those who are alert in the AFRO's newest contest. The winners earned their checks for spotting the number of their Lucky Diamonds on page two of Friday's AFRO. A new set of numbers appears today.

Cash prizes also await those who have a current AFRO and a Lucky Diamond ready when the AFRO Money Man goes looking for them in neighborhoods on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

HERE SUNDAY — The internationally popular female trio of Diana Ross (center) and the Supremes (Cindy Birdsong, left, and Mary Wilson) will head an all-star revue into the Civic Center Sunday under the sponsorship of Premier Attractions. The Motown' lovelies will be joined by Chuck Jackson, Yvonne Fair, and brilliant vertiloquist Willie Tyler and his side-kick Lester. Rockin' Robin, Baltimore's "biggest bird," will emcee.

Agnew sees racist tag hurting; plans no counter action

By GEORGE W. COLLINS
Editor
Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN

ON TOUR WITH AGNEW — "The first time I met Strom Thurmond (South Carolina's segregationist senator) was a few minutes after I was nominated.

"Whether he is a racist or whether he played a major role in my nomination, I don't know. I simply don't know the man."

Gov. Spiro T. Agnew, Maryland's chief executive and Republican vice presidential nominee, was relaxing in his seat as his Boeing 727 jetliner winged homeward near midnight Saturday.

The controversial governor was speaking exclusively to the AFRO after completing a 14-hour whirlwind tour into what is sometimes known as the heart of Republicanism — Michigan and Ohio.

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IN VISITS to Grand Rapids, Mich., Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland, Ohio, the No. 2 Republican candidate sold party faithfuls a package of confidence, unity, and low-keyed, but biting criticism of the Democrats.

Gov. Agnew, embroiled at home in a raging campaign of criticism on his civil rights stance by colored Marylanders, also gave Michigan and Ohio Republicans a balanced position on civil rights.

Following a round of hand-shaking, jet plane hedge-hopping, and cementing party ties, the governor, none the worse for wear and tear, relaxed on the flight home and talked of the problems he is facing with the tag racist.

He stated his position on Sen. Thurmond after a reporter explained that black Marylanders — and black Americans — were suspicious of the GOP ticket because of the key role of the Dixiecrat-turned-Republican.

"I have never had a conversation with the man. And he (Sen. Thurmond) admitted himself that I was not his choice," Mr. Agnew said as he picked up the chain of thought on the South's suspected influence on the formation of the GOP ticket.

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THE VICE-presidential nominee was next asked his plans regarding any possible effort to make peace with black Marylanders and whether he felt their continued criticism would hurt his chances of winning the election along with Richard M. Nixon, head of the GOP slate.

"Oh, yes," Mr. Agnew answered casually, "there's no doubt that it will hurt chances if it doesn't end."

He then explained why the task of healing the rift will be less than easy.

"You see, those who are condemning me now," he

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Registration for schools

Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 27 and 28, are the days set for registering new students in the Baltimore City Public Schools.

Youngsters may be registered at the elementary school nearest them or the school of their choice on either of those days.