—Transportation

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counties and to pay the additional out-of-pocket cost for his children to ride a Baltimore Transit Company bus to and from school, he said.

If student fares are increased by the BTC, the parent with two children in the city schools will pay about $180 a year for transportation, PSTA pointed out, adding that:

"His 'county cousin' pays nothing because the State pays the cost of all approved transportation of pupils in the counties."

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The PSTA said state school law requires the State to pay the cost of all public school transportation approved by the state superintendent of schools and reminded the School Board the law includes Baltimore City.

Mr. Berwick said that according to the PSTA's investigation, the Baltimore School Board has not presented any transportation plan to the State Superintendent for his approval.

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The PSTA, in a letter to Mr. Francis Murnaghan, urged the School Board to develop a transportation plans in time to have the necessary funds included in the State budget for 1969-1970

The Association recommended that the Board consider a contract with the BTC for transporting public school pupils and the feasibility of distributing special bus tokens to pupils who ride BTC buses to and from school.

Mr. Berwick pointed out that such a plan would avoid the expenditure of funds to purchase and maintain school buses.

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Regardless of the plan agreed upon by the School Board and the State Superintendent of Schools, the parent in Baltifore should not be forced to pay for his child's transportation to a public school, PSTA says.

The "free" public schools in the City are not very free for many people, it declared.

NAACP may pick candidate

BENTON HARBOR, Mich. (UPI) — A top official of the NAACP says it may endorse a presidential candidate.

The endorsement may come because of obvious alarm by the NAACP at the support being given George Wallace, former governor of Alabama and a third party presidential candidate.

Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood, NAACP chairman, said an endorsement would mark the first time in the organization's history that such action was taken.

The Rt. Rev. Mr. Spottswood was here for the opening of the three-day 32nd convention of the Michigan NAACP.

He said an endorsement for a national ticket "would be forthcoming, if the reactionary philosophy continue their present trend, especially Wallace."

Keynote speaker Gloster B. Current, national director of NAACP branches, said Republican Richard M. Nixon is "trying to woo votes in the south by saying, 'I can do better than Wallace.'"

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—Bus strike

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of America), said the week end and Monday, had been spent setting up strike machinery.

Mr. Green said when the company turned down Union proposals the middle of last week, drivers began to plan for the strike.

Negotiations continued Monday as the midnight deadline neared.

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Late Monday afternoon Mr. Green said Union officials were really "playing it be ear," and no one knew if the strike would or would not come into reality.

Mr. Headley told the AFRO late Monday:

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"It looks bad. They (company and union) are so far apart on so many important issues.

"It's like a jigsaw puzzle, if suddenly one piece falls in place, all the rest is easy," he added.

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—Otis Young

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producer and Jon Epstein as producer.

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YOUNG'S CO-STARRING role with Murray marks his first exposure to nationwide audiences.

However, his is not an overnight success story. For 15 years he has been involved in theater and motion pictures as actor, stage manager, writer, director and producer.

Young was born in Providence, R.I. He and his twin brother are the oldest of 14 children, including three other sets of twins.

He was an unwilling high school drop-out, because of the necessity of helping to support the family. At 17, he joined the Marines and served in Korea. After discharge, he headed for New York.

A firm supplying free books to Israel offered him a job that turned out to be a kind of do-it-yourself course in world literature. Israel's need for books meant shipping the volumes the day after they were received.

Young was allowed to borrow any book, provided he returned it the following day. For the next nine months he read a book a day.

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HAVING PASSED an exam entitling him to a high school diploma, he decided to enroll in N.Y.U. to become a secondary school teacher. On the entrance exam he scored the highest mark of any applicant that year.

At the university, Young discovered the theater, and after two years switched to the famous Neighborhood Playhouse, where his fellow aspirants included John Philip Law, Joanna Pettet and Jessica Walters.

After graduation, he continued his training with Richard Edelman, Michael Howard and Frank Silvera.

In 1961 Otis became stage manager and understudy for Actors Studio projects performed at the ANTA Theater. Later, as a full time actor with the group, he won critical acclaim in "Blues for Mr. Charlie," both in New York and later at the World Drama Festival in London.

He became a permanent resident of Los Angeles after starring in "Charlie" at the Lindy Opera House in the spring of 1963.

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SUBSEQUENTLY, HE supported himself with odd jobs — furniture mover, short order cook — and he wrote.

His three-act play, "Tell It Like It Is," is under option to Burgess Meredith; a screenplay, "An End of the Killing," is in the hands of Warner Bros.-Seven Arts.

He had formed a production company to produce his screenplay, "Two Hip Little Boys," but changed his plans when he won his co-starring role in "The Outcasts."

An independent production company is now negotiating for purchase of the property.

A recent project of his has been teaching a drama Otis, at 6'2" and 175 pounds is single, and lives in Hollywood.

—KKK, Segregated burials

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sign removed. He said "people ride into town and they see that sign. They resent it."

Sanders said, "some of our friends are scared to come to town to talk to the mayor about it. I told him it doesn't show good taste."

Other grievances by the community include: Intimidation by the KKK, sniping at homes, inadequate police protection, segregated cemeteries, lack of colored people on the police force and in key city jobs.

THE AFRO talked to Mayor John Dail.

He says relations between the races in his town have always been good, until the violence last week.

He said last week was the first time he heard about charges of discrimination in two of the city's three cemeteries.

He said the cemeteries are operated by the city and are supposed to be open to everyone.

So far as Klan activities go, there are none in his town, the mayor told the AFRO.

The mayor is aware of the counties and the big sign posted outside his city limit. However, he says he is unable to do anything about it because it is not "within my jurisdiction."

THE SMITHFIELD Herald, considered a liberal paper, blamed the Ku Klux Klan for the racial troubles in the Johnston County town.

The Herald also charged that Smithfield has not done enough to create a climate of goodwill between the races.

"The Klan's affront to the colored community has offset commendable things accomplished in race relations in Smithfield this year," the paper said in an editorial Friday.

"... If there are some good things in the record, it is obvious that we have not done enough in Smithfield to create a climate of peace and goodwill. A wide protest against the Klan sign, in the form of numerous civic club resolutions, might have proved beneficial," the editorial said.

The paper blamed the city and leaders in the white community for failing to do enough to eliminate "discriminations that continue to exist".

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DESPITE THE mayor's reluctance to agree, several people claimed last week that the burial of colored soldiers killed in Vietnam in segregated cemeteries is one source of friction in Smithfield and nearby communities such as Selma.

Q. K. Wall, principal of the South Campus Elementary School in Smithfield, said he thinks the people are "concerned about colored servicemen killed in Vietnam being buried in "Jim crow cemeteries".

W. E. Wiggs, who operates Selma's segregated Memorial Gardens, however, says he hasn't had "one complaint about it. I haven't seen any resentment at all.

"When colored people want to buy a plot, says Wiggs," I take them back to where we bury the colored people and sell them one. I never had anybody stopping in front and demanding one."

When relatives of Pfc Arthur Watson, 22, wanted a burial space for the soldier, they were sold one at the section reserved for colored people. Watson, buried in the rear of Selma's cemetery, die in Vietnam.

Even in Smithfield where the cemeteries are run by the city, it has been an old tradition, for colored people to be buried in separate cemeteries.

Nobody knows for sure whether the cemeteries are open like the mayor says they are. Because nobody has tried to buy a lot there, notes, Mr. Sanders, the only colored funeral director.

However, he says he is ready to request burial grounds at the two white cemeteries if any of his clients ask him to do so.

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WHILE SMITHFIELD remained under curfew, elsewhere in Johnston County, the Ku Klux Klan held rallies in Benson and other small town over the weekend.

Klan Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and North Carolina Grand Dragon Robert Jones of Granite Quarry addressed two rallies held in Benson.

Report due soon on Chi violence

CHICAGI (UPI) — A complete and objective investigation of disorders during the Democratic National Convention here last month was promised Friday by the head of the Chicago Task Force of the President's Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

Daniel Walker, a Chicago executive appointed by the Commission to investigate the troubles between anti-war demonstrators and police, said no deadline had been set for completion of the report.

Walker told a news conference his mandate was "to provide cold, unadulterated, hard-nose fact, without emotion, without prejuice, without selfish interest of any kind.

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—Pitts-Lee case

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said he thought Miss Lee (no relation to the defendant), was "play-acting."

Judge Charles Holley ordered a stay of the execution until after he makes a ruling in the bid for a new trial after hearing a law official admit murder charges were filed against Lee "on a hunch."

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WAYNE WHITE, chief Gulf county deputy, also admitted he released Lee even after Pitts had stated in a confession that he and Lee had robbed the service station where Burkett and Floyd had been working when slain Aug. 1, 1963.

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Mayor Frank Pate told the court that tension had been running high in the community because of the hearing.

Bearing this out, Gene Miller, Miami Herald reporter whose investigations into the case over a period of 21 months, was punched in the mouth as he carried a 50-pound filing case.

Bobby L. Burkett, identified as a brother of one of the slain men, was charged with assault and battery.

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AMONG THE things heard at the trial a long tape recording in which Curtis Adams, white, convicted in one service station case, confessed to the slayings Lee and Pitts were convicted of committing.

He later took the stand to deny the killings and say he made the confession after being beaten by 16 other prisoners.

Judge Holley asked for a transcript of the entire hearing. He gave no date when his decision could be expected.

Lee was under arrest in the case.

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WHILE THE value of her testimony was not clear, the highlight of the hearing appeared to be the hypnotized words of Miss Lee which were heard by a packed, hushed courtroom.

With hypnotist Joe B. Crawley hovering over her with a mike near her lips, she said:

"Don't kill them men. Don't kill . . . Oh God! Lord have mercy, what happened to them?

"Take me home. I won't tell . . . I swear I won't. "

However, doubts were raised because McCrawley had hypnotized Miss Lee twice before for the state.

"The state has, in effect, brainwashed this witness the story they want er to say," charged NAACP legal Defense Fund attorney Phillip Hubbart.

"They have tampered with the witness' mind."

MCCRAWLEY TOLD the court a person who would lie out of hypnosis could lie under hypnosis.

The defense has insisted that Miss Lee has been lying after her testimony.

Once in the case she had involved another soldier, Lambson Smith, but a few days later changed that story.

Both Lee and Pitts say they confessed the slayings only after having bee beaten.

Their state-appointed lawyer, Fred W. Turner, has been critized for the manner in which he handled the defense and appeal for Pitts and Lee.

—Arsonist sets fire

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youngsters in the house at the time — and began to run for the back door, then returned to throw water on the flames.

Aided by several neighbors, one of whom had called the Fire Department, they were able to extinguish the flames.

Damage to the house was limited to scorching and smoke spots, which reached the second story window of the dwelling.

An Arson Squad spokesman confirmed the blaze was "deliberately set and police have a description and a nickname for one of the suspects.

AS POLICE look for the man, Mrs. Butler said acidly, "Anybody should have better sense than to set fire to a house full of children."

In other police developments:

Sniper

A 17 year-old boy was formally charged Monday at Central Municipal Court with the sniper shooting of a Northwestern High School senior, after he surrendered himself at Northwestern Police Station Saturday.

Claude Wallace, 4600 block Park Heights Ave., is being held without bail.

The victim, Wanda Leach, 17, was shot while waiting for a bus on Park Heights Ave., two blocks from her 2800 block Oswego St. home.

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AN OLDER woman, Mrs. Edith Bell, 48, of the 4100 block Pimlico Rd., was also struck by sniper fire, as she waited at the same bus stop to go to work. She was treated for a superficial shoulder wound and released.

The murder weapon has not been discovered.

Stabbing

Central police report that a 19-year-old woman was fatally stabbed Friday in an E. Lexington St. office building.

Mrs. Cynthia Davis, 1100 block Sarah Ann St., was carried from the third floor of 110 E. Lexington Ave. to Mercy Hospital, where she died at 2:10 p.m., about 90 minutes after she was stabbed, police said.

POLICE SAY the victim was discovered in the hallway outside a rest room, when an office worker investigated moans and cries for help.

Inside the restroom the officers found what is believed to be the murder weapon, a seven-inch knife blade, and a document identifying the slain woman.

Investigating officers say they are looking for an 18-year-old man for questioning about the incident.

No witnesses have been found, police say.

Shooting

A 24-year-old man was fatally shot early Monday, as he stood at the corner of North Ave. and St. Paul St.

Police said that at about 1:20 a.m. Levon Marrow, 2300 block Division St., fell to the sidewalk, after a witness heard a shot.

The man was carried by seven indentified persons to the steps of a nearby church, where police found him.

THE VICTIM was taken by ambulance to Union Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

The man was identified later by police from his fingerprints.

Homicide officers say no arrest has been made in the incident.

After making $5 million, Prophet dies penniless

PHILADELPHIA (NPI) — Prophet John the Conqueror made $5 million during his lifetime by predicting "lucky numbers hits" for his followers. But he couldn't take it with him. Nor did he die a rich man.

The self-styled evangelist, who once wore diamond rings valued at more than $50,000, died without funds. He apparently had used up most of his fortune several years ago during his unsuccessful legal battles with the federal government and postal authorities.

The beareded "lucky numbers seer" was sentenced to jail in 1958 after being convicted on charges of using the mails to defraud.

His newspaper advertisements urged readers to "Write or call me today, get your Cadillac tomorrow." "Donations" of $5 to $100 came in to him by mail — until the U.S. Post Office closed in on him.

Prophet John, whose real name was Jack Pittman, died at age 58 in his home after complaining of a stomach upset.

Among the 1.7 million Vietnam era veterans are 14,000 under 20 years of age.

—Joe Howard

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cuse the Judiciary Committee from its obligation to assist the public in selected the three most qualified candidates to fill the three positions open on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

It is regrettable that the Committee, after having failed to act according to its mandate and the public interest, did not publish an unbiased analysis of the qualifications of Sen. Paul Dorf and myself.

Factual listing of the credentials of each candidate could have furnished the voters valuable information upon which they could rely in formulating an intelligent and independent judgment.

This of course could have been done with complete candor and without any commitment. By failing to scription. By failing to endorsea third candidate and failing to furnish the public minimal statistics with which it could make a reasonable selection, the Judiciary Committee has indirectly and perhaps unwittingly permitted political machines to gain an advantage.

It is unfortunate that the committee did not have the integrity to discharge its duty because such conduct sheds an unfortunate light upon the entire Bar Association.

Only a few, outside the legal family, realize that the Judiciary Committee is made up of only six or seven men empowered to act on behalf of the more than 4,000 lawyers in this city.

All citizens, within and without the legal profession, have a right to expect their representatives to be honest and fair.

This Committee has fallen short in both areas. It is simply dishonest to suggest that the sitting judges are the only qualified or even the most qualified candidates in this race.

I challenge the committee to prove this to the public. Likewise, it is grossly unfair to mislead the public on the one hand and withhold information from it on the other.

It is indeed this kind of chicanery and subterfuge that demeans lawyers generally.

I think it is about time that the Judiciary Committee faces the fact that at least one of the three judges to be selected in November will be neither a sitting judge nor a judge of its choosing.

Further, I feel it's time that the committee realizes that not two, but all three judges will be elected to serve a term of 15 years, and all three will be expected to perform in keeping with the highest traditions of the Bench.

This then is no time for the Committee to hide its proverbial head in the sand, or its public duty behind some sitting judge principle.

This attitude will doubtlessly contribute to the possibility that an unsuspecting electorate would select a judge whose basic qualifications are that of a state legislator and whose history of power politics is precisely that which the entire Bar professes to abhor.

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