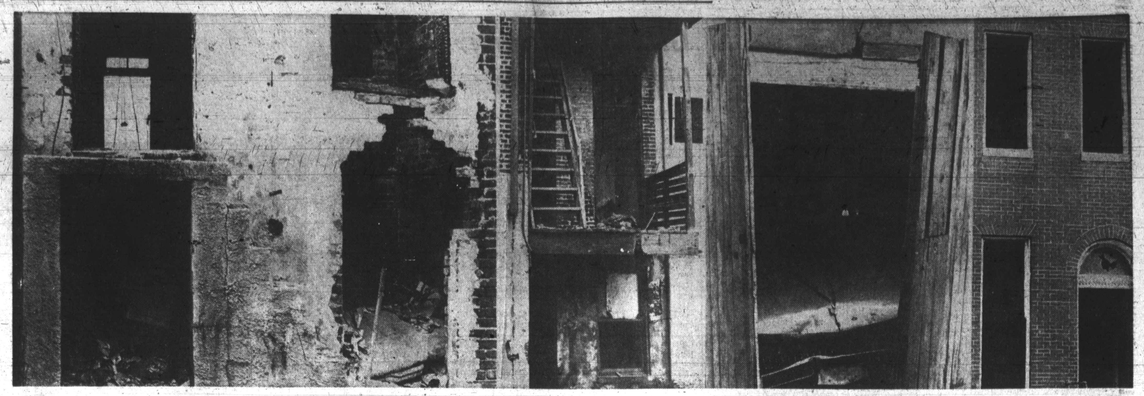

BLANK BUILDING in West Baltimore collecting everything from cars to trash to rats to insects to matches (with dangerous and costly results) stirred neighborhood ire. Self Help Housing Agency with residents' cooperation got promise from the city's new housing commissioner, Robert Embry, to tear down the vacant buildings this month.

Signatures gain action on area's vacant houses

They stand facing streets traveled by people struggling to overcome squalor — windows gaping sullenly, without panes; dirty and often smoke-blackened walls offering haven only to those with malicious intent, or to the rats; floors strewn with refuse, inviting a careless match.

In two blocks of a section of West Baltimore — near Stricker and N. Carey Sts. —at least four such houses can be seen: each has been vacant for over a year.

Three fires reportedly occurred in one of the structures within the past year.

Replying to a letter of complaint written by Milford Johnson, head of the Self-Help Housing Agency's 1101 N. Carey branch, Robert C. Embry, Department of Housing and Community Development commissioner, promised action by the middle of the month.

At the end of Mr. Johnson's letter were about 50 supporting signatures.

The Self-Help Housing Agency, explains Mr. Johnson, can really to nothnhson, can really do nothdo. However, a considerable reservoir of expertise has been accumulated for dealing with housing problems. And there is strength in numbers.

Also, the agency gets aid in the form of personnel "loans" from the Community Action Agency, to whom it is a "third-party contractor."

Such action as that taken by the housing commissioner in regard to the specific complaint raised by Mr. Johnson is not always the rule, however. A spokesman for the commission says that two-year delays are not uncommon.

The Department of Housing and Community Development was newly created to include the Bureau of Building Inspection and the Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

The new commission says it is steadily mobilizing resources to handle directly the problem of razing uninhabitable buildings — by employing its own crews to do the work, according to a spokesman.

Action by the city to demolish a building is a last resort, however.

Another spokesman explains that a number of steps must be taken before the commission takes direct action:

A notice is issued to the owner to close the structure within ten days.

Then a second notice is issued, requiring that the owner "raze or rehabilitate" within 30 days.

A final, five-day notice is issued — which, if ignored, can cause the city to remove the building, at the same time bringing legal action against the owner.

The flaw in the old system, that employed prior to July 1, was seen in the contractural processes which were involved in getting a wrecking crew to a vacant house.

The new commission has eliminated this delay, and hopes to be able to adequately cope with problems with its own resources soon.

Rev. Eaton to speak at Morgan

The Rev. David H. Eaton, associate dean of community education of the Federal City College, will speak on "Creativity out of Chaos" during the Religion-in-Life series, Sunday and Monday, October 13 and 14 at Morgan State College.

The Rev. Eaton will speak at 11 a.m. on Sunday on the subject "The New Messiah" in the Morgan Christian Center.

At 10 a.m. on Monday the Rev. Eaton will speak on "Academic Hypocrisy and Intellectual Dishonesty" in a talk slated at the McKeldin Student Union.

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IN ANNOUNCING the theme, the Rev. Howard Cornish, director of the Morgan Christian Center, stated that "the institutions of our time are on trial.

"The authorities of our day are questioned. No institution is so dear that it can escape the searching questions of reality.

"No authority is so wise as to prevent the scratchdin Student Union.

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John Ward named new principal at Garrison

John Ward Jr., is the new principal of Garrison Junior High School.

The former assistant principal of Polytechnic Institute, was named to the new position yesterday (Monday) by the School Board.

In his new post, Mr. Ward succeeds Manuel Q. Goldstein, who has been named director of Institutional Research at the Community College of Baltimore.

To succeed Mr. Ward as Poly assistant, the Board promoted C. Leroy Carroll, special assistant at Calverton Junior High.

The appointments of Mr. Ward and Mr. Carroll were among a number made by the Board at the Monday afternoon meeting. Normally, the Board meets on Thursday afternoons, but conflicts in members' schedules caused the change this week.

Mr. Goldstein's appointment to the Junior College faculty was among several made by the School Board which also acts as the college's board of trustees.

Other appointments by the School Board made on recommendation of Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon, superintendent included:

Leigh Martinet, appointed supervisor of Instrumental Music.

Mrs. Georgia Brown, special assistant at Douglass High School, appointed assistant principal at the same school.

Promotions that had been known earlier, but were listed by the School Board, included:

Mrs. Pearl Brackett, acting assistant superintendent for School-community Relations, but the term "acting" taken from her position.

John Robbins, supervisor of publications, was named director of Public Information and Publications.

Francis X. Trainor, acting coordinator of Public Information, had his position also made permanent.

The sole negative vote

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JOHN WARD

School bond issue gains BCRC nod

The Community Relations Commission issued this statement on the school bond issue:

"The Baltimore Community Relations Commission is given the responsibility by city ordinance to guarantee that all citizens receive equal treatment without discrimination in education.

"We have been particularly concerned about past inequities in the provision of materials and facilities for public education in the older, primarily black areas of our city.

"In addition, we feel deeply concerned as citizens that all young people are given the best possible educational opportunities.

"With these concerns in mind, we have reviewed the School Board's recommendations for the construction of facilities in its Capital Improvement Program.

"We hereby announce our support for these recommendations and enthusiastically urge all citizens to support the educational bond issue this November.

"While we recognize that some inequities still exist,

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Community Schools invite public tours

The new head of the Community Schools for the Baltimore public schools, Mrs. Pearl C. Brackett, today released this "open letter" to the community:

"We are working to awaken 'all' of Baltimore to the need for involvement in building and maintaining a sound educational program for all of its citizens.

"As a first step in the Community-Schools Division we are planning a series of bus tours in sections of our city.

"There will be nine or ten such tours. A principal, a parent of his school, and

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Emergency fund drive for Bill Moore House

An emergency fund-raising effort to aid the William L. Moore Foundation was kicked-off Saturday at a tea at the Bill Moore House, 433 E. 25th St.

Some 25 Baltimore clubwomen, who will form the nucleus of the crash fund campaign, heard officials of the Foundation describe its history, its program of community service, and its significance to the Baltimore community.

Mrs. George Pendleton, chairman of the campaign, maintained that "it's up to us to see that institutions like this, which can do much to promote racial understanding, survive and operate effectively."

The Foundation, an educational and cultural center focussing on the Afro-American history and heritage, is a memorial to William L. Moore, the postman who became Baltimore's first martyr in the nonviolent civil rights movement when he was shot in Gadsden, Ala. while on a lone "freedom march" to Jackson, Mississippi. in April, 1963.

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NORMAN REEVES, chairman of the Foundation told the group that the House, which is supported completely by voluntary contributions through memberships, needed "money to pay the mortgage and keep the lights on as well as funding our program for the Fall season."

"We have always operated on a shoe string, depending not only on voluntary financial aid, but on voluntary instructors, administrators, and other talents within the commu-

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Gillis Memorial to move to new Park Heights church

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Gillis Memorial Community Church at Calhoun and Mulberry Sts., will soon be torn down for the path of the Expressway. At this writing all that stands on that side of the street are the church and parsonage.

Therefore, this autumn finds the hearts of the 3,000 members filled with memories of many happy years, as they prepare to move from the stately old "Friendly Church on the Corner."

The new home of the congregation pastored by the Rev. Theodore C. Jackson Sr., will be the former Keser Torah Synagogue in the 4000 block Park Heights Ave.

Remodeling is going on now and the march to new Gillis is expected to come late in November or early in December.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson founded Gillis in 1935 and has pastored there 33

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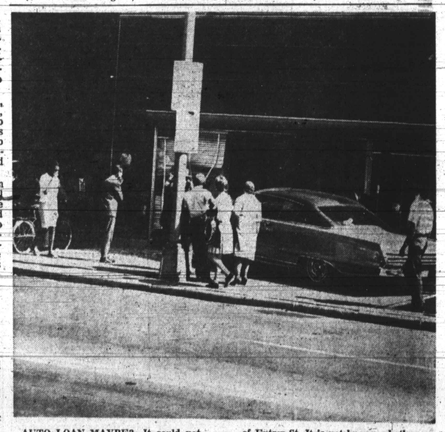
FADE OUT — Gillis Memorial Church, a West Baltimore institution, will become a victim of progress soon when it will fall to the pounding of the wrecker's hammer to make way for urban renewal projects in the Mulberry and Calhoun Sts. area. The church, pastored by the Rev. Theodore Jackson, was wrapped in the haze of an early fall darkness when AFRO chief Photographer I. Henry Phillips recorded what is perhaps the last picture of the doomed edifice.



AUTO LOAN MAYBE?—It could not be determined Tuesday why this auto was suddenly struck with the impulse to visit a loan office in the 300 block of Eutaw St. It is not known whether the car or its driver filed an application. The visit did prove rather expensive for the firm.

Court of Appeals to hear case against unwed mothers

The Maryland Court of Appeals will Thursday hear an appeal Thursday on behalf of three young Prince Georges County mothers who were convicted in May, 1967, of child neglect on the basis of their children's births out of wedlock.

The three women — two of them 19, the third 23 — were arrested from information they submitted, as required by state law, when they applied for welfare support.

They were convicted at a trial during which, according to a statement released by the Planned Parenthood-World Population organization, Judge Perry G. Bowen said that he might require unwed mothers — presumably those seeking welfare aid — to learn and to practice birth control, "at the risk of losing their children if they do not."

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THE STATEMENT says that neither state nor county welfare departments permit unwed mothers to be compelled to use birth control measures, citing the answer to a query made to State Welfare Department officials by a representative of the planned parenthood group.

What is at stake, says the statement is the applicants' rights under the 14th Amendment, which prohibits infringement on the "equal rights of Americans without "due process."

Another issue considered by the group to be at stake is that of right to privacy.

The group contends that the solution advocated by

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LET'S ALL VOTE

WILL YOU BE AWAY on November 5 which is Election Day? You can still vote if you apply now for an absentee ballot. Deadline is Oct. 25. Absentee ballots available at Supervisors of Elections, Fayette and Gay Sts.

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Jo Jo White Tells AFRO Of Long Road To Olympics

Olympics Spirit Is 'Real Cool' (SEE SPORT PAGES)

Baltimore Afro-American

Mr. Cunningham, 105, Recalls War (SEE BACK PAGE)

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Businessman Detained In Airport

FIRST OLYMPIC WIN — Naftali Temu of Kenya sprints across the line in the 10,000 meter run Sunday at Mexico City to win the first Olympic gold medal. Name Wolde of Ethiopia is second, finishing directly behind him. In center photo, Temu gets a lift from his joyous countrymen in Olympic Village at Mexico City, and at right more of his elated fellow Africans hoist him above their shoulders as he displays his gold medal. It was a great day for Africa. (UPI Telephotos)

Mystery veils frisking after flight 421 delay

By BETTE MOSS and GEORGE W. COLLINS

A local businessman and two of his furniture store customers were taken into custody at LaGuardia Airport in New York late Monday afternoon and held for over 90 minutes. Later, they were released with an apology.

Maurice Boone, vice president and decorator of Boone Appliance Co., at 3820 Liberty Heights Ave., gave the AFRO this account of the mysterious incident:

"My customers and I were seated on Allegheny Flight No. 421. It was scheduled to leave LaGuardia at 4:35 p.m. but it was announced that the flight was cancelled.

"People started getting off and when we reached the bottom of the steps we were taken to Room 1745 at the airport.

"I asked what it was all about; whether we were being arrested or what? I explained to them (unidentified men) that I was a furniture dealer and an interior decorator and that my customers and I had come up to New York at 1:30 to measure for rugs and furniture.

"But they kept us in the room. I kept asking if we were under arrest, but they didn't explain. They patted us down and emptied our pockets.

"What they were looking for they wouldn't say. I kept asking whether we were under arrest. I have not been told as of this moment."

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MR. BOONE said while their captors failed to identify themselves, he believes they were FBI agents and airport security agents.

The businessman asserted that following his insistence that they tell him if he and his companions were under arrest, the policemen called the New York State Attorney General's office which reportedly ordered their release.

At that point, according to Mr. Boone, the agents apologized and released them, Mr. Boone said.

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MR. BOONE talked to the AFRO outside his Liberty Heights Ave. store shortly after he returned to Baltimore Monday night.

He and his customers returned to the city, he added, on a 6:30 p.m. flight of the same airline.

"With customers waiting in my store in Baltimore while New York police held me for no apparent reason, didn't help me at all.

"My customers are angry about the long wait," the businessman said bitterly.

His father, George Boone, president, added:

"We didn't know what on earth had happened to Maurice. Customers had been waiting all day."

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WHILE MR. BOONE was kept in the dark as to reasons for their detention, he suspects it was connected with what appeared to have been a staged incident, which occurred minutes before schedule take-off.

He and two other passengers told the AFRO they saw an airport truck crash into the waiting plane.

Immediately afterwards, they said, the flight cancellation announcement was made.

One of the passengers, Wallace T. Collett of Cincinnati, Ohio, said, "It was

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Ex-Kennedy aide added to HHH team

By MAX JOHNSON
AFRO Political Analyst

Earl G. Graves, former staff assistant to the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, has been named as coordinator for minority groups for the Humphrey-Muskie national campaign.

Announcement came out of Washington Monday by Lawrence F. O'Brien, Democratic national chairman.

His addition to the staff comes at a crucial period

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Rev. Churn leads race for $2,000

Leading the AFRO's Favorite Minister Contest is the Rev. C. H. Churn, of Union Temple Baptist Church, with 1,600 votes.

Close on his heels in the balloting and excitement that will lead to a jackpot of $2,000 is the Rev. Lewis Conway, of Ft. Mt. Pleasant Baptist, with 1,400 votes.

Rounding out the top five leaders are: the Rev. Monroe Simms, Elkridge First Baptist; the Rev. W. P. Mitchell, Payne A. M. E. and the Rev. Parris S. Thompson, Mt. Hebron Baptist.

Votes for your favorite minister may be registered on the ballot printed in each edition of the AFRO and should be brought or mailed to the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21203.

Votes received by 3 p.m. Friday will appear in the Tuesday edition. Votes received by 3, p.m. Wednesday will appear in the Friday edition.

Jo Jo withstood boycott criticism; stars in cage tilt

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

MEXICO CITY — It was a long road to Mexico City for all the American athletes, what with an extended series of trials at low and high altitudes and hesitance on the part of U.S. Olympic officials to qualify anyone under the fear of a colored boycott, and it was an even longer trip for the colored athletes who were plagued along the way by repeated criticism and threat of reprisal by the International Olympic Committee president.

But no one's journey was longer and more vexing than that which ended for Jo Jo White here Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

That's when Jo Jo took the floor with the United States basketball team and went on to help whip Spain in the opening round of the cage events.

"Well, yes," replied the University of Kansas All-American. "It was a little nervy-wracking, but didn't mind it really. I make up my own mind about things involving my behavior: Always have and always will."

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WHITE WAS one of the key figures in last winter's boycott discussions. He was approached by supporters of the boycott and, refusing to be influenced, was assailed from all sides by organizations sympathetic to the demonstration.

"Even as a kid," White told the AFRO while watching America's main competition, Russia, against Poland later, "my parents left it to me to make all major decisions affecting my life. I was guided, sure, but the final judgment was mine.

"That's what happened in

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OLYMPICS:

Jimmy Hines now fastest man alive

MEXICO CITY (UPI)—Jimmy Hines of Oakland, Calif., became the world's "fastest human being" in name and in fact Monday when he flashed to a world record 9.9 second victory in the 100-meter dash, and Randy Matson took the shot put title to give the United States its first two gold medals in the 1968 Olympic Games.

Hines, a native of Oakland, who learned to run at Texas Southern University, turned back perhaps the finest 100 field in history as he hit the tape a stride or two ahead of Lennox Miller of Jamaica and the University of Southern California and fellow Yank Charlie Greene of Seattle, Wash.

There was confusion among games officials as to whether or not Hines' performance would stand as a world record. At first, they announced he had an aiding wind of 2.7 meters

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City Council harassed by Carter case, bus strike

The City Council weeped and wailed Monday about its inability to do anything to settle the crippling bus strike, which enters its third week at its regularly scheduled meeting.

While demonstrators in support of Walter P. Carter, rejected head of the Community Action Agency, marched outside the City Hall, the council passed two resolutions asking for a cooling-off period and one asking the Governor's intercession in the strike.

The council's concern over the bus strike came from an afternoon disclosure that business was off as much as 25 per cent.

Officials from the Retail Merchants' Association said that shopkeepers were losing "hundreds of thousands of dollars every day."

In a resolution introduced by Councilman Frank X. Gallagher, the council also took note of "the poor of Baltimore City who are now suffering a loss of income because of their inability to find means of transportation to their daily jobs."

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BOTH MR. GALLAGHER'S resolution and one introduced by Fourth District Councilman Henry G. Parks mentioned the large absentee rate in public schools currently running twice the normal figure.

Councilman Parks' resolution asked for action from Gov. Spiro. T. Agnew and

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Coed seeks queen title at Ole Miss

OXFORD, Miss. (UPI) — A colored coed, contending she would reign with grace, pride and dignity is campaigning as a write-in candidate in Tuesday's student elections for Homecoming Queen at the University of Mississippi.

Janit Wallace of Olive Branch, a speech major, said she was representing the Black Student Union in her attempt to be the first colored Homecoming Queen at Ole Miss where desegregation was accomplished six years ago with the riotous court-ordered admission of James Meredith.

Etta Bryant of Gulfport is the only candidate on the ballot, but another white coed, Patty Canty of Louis-

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Black Yankee in Mexico: a baby was locked up too

By R. S. PRITCHARD
Article III

Our Mexican experience taught us that society's reprisals against colored persons issues solely because we are black.

It makes no difference whether you are an extremist black of the Stokely Carmichael persuasion or a moderate convinced of the potential for social justice reform through peaceful means.

What is in the interests of blacks is by every measurement in the ultimate interests of whites.

In today's society, the reverse is rarely true.

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WE WERE not formally arrested, only brutally apprehended. We were not asked to leave Merida, but kidnapped, handcuffed and driven in an innocent looking vendor-like lorry over a more than a 1,000 mile si

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MANY RESIDENTS
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3 U. S. women tie world mark

MEXICO CITY (UPI) Wyomia Tyus, Margaret Johnson Bailes and Barbara Ferrell tied the games 100-meter dash record, Jay Silvester set a discus mark and the Yank basketball team rolled to its second straight lopsided victory Monday as the U.S. moved into position to grab its first two gold medals in the 1968 Olympic games.

Miss Tyus, who shares the world record at 11.1 seconds with Miss Ferrell and Irena Szewinska of Poland won her heat in the trials with room to spare, while Miss Bailes had a little tougher time.

Miss Ferrell made it a

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ADVICE TAKEN — In his Sept. 28 column, "Political Notebook," the AFRO's Max Johnson suggested that if the brain trust of the Humphrey-Muskie Campaign failed to make use of the talents of Earl G. Graves, former staff assistant to the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, "Somebody has got to be out of his cotton pickin' mind." The Democratic National Chairman and head of the Humphrey-Muskie campaign Lawrence F. O'Brien announced this week that Mr. Graves has been named coordinator for minority groups. Mr. Graves is shown conferring with the senator shortly before Mr. Kennedy was assassinated after winning the California primary.

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A very irate father cornered a young sprout one evening and demanded "See here, you've been courting my daughter for three years now just what are your intentions honorable or dishonorable" The young man's face brightened visibly. "You mean I have a choice?" he asked.