Woman Power Luncheon to feature Woman of Power

Mrs. Florence Kennedy, attorney, and civil rights fighter of New York City, will be the principal speaker at Woman Power's 11th annual leadership Conference, Sunday.

The conference will be held in the Sheraton Belvedere Hotel at 12 noon.

Mrs. Kennedy, who served as an attorney for H. Rap Brown, is as comfortable in the courtroom as she is in the field struggling for equal rights.

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A PANEL discussion will also be a feature of the day's program and will feature a number of outstanding women in a study of urban problems, foreign policy and politics.

Moderator of the panel will be Mrs. Pearl C. Brackett, assistant superintendent of schools. Panelists will include Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, community relations specialist in the Mayor's office; Mrs. Mary Leak, neighborhood worker and organizer; Mrs. Beatrice Avery, president of the Provident Hospital Auxiliary; Mrs. Mary Carter Smith, president Big Sisters-Little Sisters; and Dr. Delores C. Hunt, principal of School No. 95.

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AWARDS WILL be presented for service rendered in the community, without thought of personal gain, to less fortunate individuals. The individual award will go to Mrs. Mary Carter Smith and the organizational award will be presented to The Continental Society of Baltimore.

This organization is dedicated to serve the needs of underprivileged and disadvantaged youth. Mrs. Helen Chamberlain is the president of the Society.

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RESERVATIONS MAY be secured from Mrs. Margaret Wilson, ticket chairman (523-8446).

Mrs. Bernice S. White and Mrs. Erla McKinnon are luncheon co-chairmen; Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams is executive director and Mrs. Ethel P. Rich, executive secretary.

Support s local control of schools

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The Executive Council of the United Church of Christ last week gave its support to "decisive local control of schools" in heavily black and Puerto Rican areas of cities where school integration has failed to provide "quality education."

The 21-member council, the policy-making body of the two-million dollar denomination, also endorsed the work of the church's Committee for Racial Justice in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville School District in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Oct. 20-26 proclaimed Baltimore NAACP week

In observance of the NAACP's 1968 Membership Drive Campaign, Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro III, designated the week of Oct. 20 through 26 as "NAACP Week in Baltimore," in his office on Tuesday.

Heading the campaign are Mrs. Mary R. DeFoe and Dr. Lillie M. Jackson.

The mayor's proclamation follows:

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is a nationwide integrated organization composed of men, women and children, who in good faith seek to lawfully examine human relationships, and, where there is racial discrimination, seek to correct it through the courts.

"Today the NAACP has more than a half million members and such distinguished Life Members as Nobel Peace Prize Winners, Ralph Bunche, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, the late Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Judge William H. Hastie, A. Philip Randolph, Miss Marian Anderson, Dr. Mordecai Johnson and Dr. Percy Julian.

"The Baltimore Chapter of the NAACP has initiated many cases which have been carried up to the highest courts, establishing such fundamental rights as equal teachers' salaries; integrated parks, playgrounds, and beaches; and protection of citizens against unlawful entry of police on their premises without a warrant.

"This Chapter is now engaged in its 33rd annual membership drive to obtain 15,000 members.

"The goal of the NAACP is enforcement of the constitutional requirement that all people, regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin, should have the same privileges and immunities.

"Now, therefore, I, Thomas J. D'Alesandro III, mayor of the City of Baltimore, do hereby proclaim the week of October 20-26, 1968, as 'NAACP Week' in Baltimore, in recognition and appreciation of the efforts this organization has taken to obtain freedom and equal citizenship for all.

Grant increased for city housing

Senator Tydings (D, Md.) Monday announced the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of a $962,965 loan increase to the Department of Housing and Community Development in Baltimore.

His office said the increase will cover the increase [illegible] building low rent units in Baltimore and will bring the grand total to $8,069,581.

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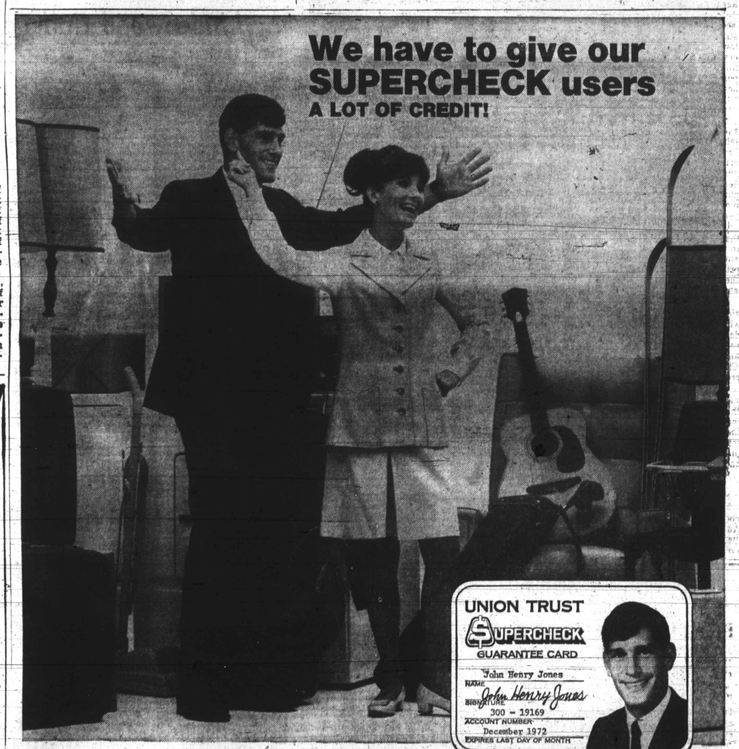

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Russell asks public strike restriction

City Solicitor George L. Russell, Jr. defended the labor-relations law passed by the City Council last month at a meeting of the Maryland Public Finance Officers' Association this morning at the University of Maryland.

The Employee Relations Law was passed on September 30 in the wake of a two-day garbage strike in Baltimore. The law sets up guidelines for negotiation, outlaws strikes, and provides for punishment of unions that institute strikes of public service employees.

Judge Russell told the audience of government finance officials that "the basic principle behind the denial of the right to strike is grounded upon the paramount public interest and the need for continuous functioning of all activities and services of government."

In a letter to City Council President W. Donald Schaefer last week, Mr. Russell urged the defeat of a pending amendment that would cripple the law.

Mr. Russell contends that the proposed amendment, which reduces punishment of striking unions from mandatory to permissive, will take the teeth out of the sanctions described in the law.

According to the law passed, a public service employees' union that went out on strike would be denied the dues check-off and would not be recognized by the city as a bargaining agent for two years.

If the amendment is passed, a union could call a strike in violation of the law, as the sanitation workers did recently, and permit the city to suffer and possibly endanger "public health and welfare," the city's chief legal officer stated in the letter.

In explaining the need for special laws governing labor relations procedure City Solicitor told the gathering of financial officers that the need for laws is demonstrated by the large number of municipal employe strikes in recent years.

Judge Russell stressed that the denial to the right to strike for government employees was a basic principle" as far back as the famous Boston police strike of 1919.

Government cannot function if the men and women who work for it strike and deprive the public of essential services. This is anarchy not justice," the City Solicitor said in his prepared text.

Mr. Russell also advocated a statewide law on the same lines to insure that state employees had the same rights and restraints placed upon them that city employees now have.

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AFRO to designate scholarship recipient

"The colored community has supported my business through the years, and I think that I should show my appreciation by giving something back to that community."

Supreme Bench Judge Solomon Liss attributed that observation to one of his late clients last week.

The client was Isadore Feldman, an 80-year-old businessman who died Sept. 15.

Before he was elevated to the Supreme Bench, Judge Liss said he had represented Mr. Feldman for many years.

Prior to the businessman's illness, Judge Liss said, he asked that his will include a $5,000 trust to provide a $300 per year college scholarship for a needy colored high school graduate.

Mr. Feldman met Frank Robinson, the Oriole star, while both were confined at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in 1966, Judge Liss said.

Mr. Feldman chose Mr. Robinson and Mr. Liss as trustees of the scholarship fund.

"He also wanted Dr. Carl Murphy, the late AFRO publisher, to serve as a this week.

trustee," Mr. Liss recalled

"Unfortunately, Dr. Murphy passed before the trust could be established," the judge added.

Judge Liss said he and Mr. Robinson have decided that the AFRO should select a deserving student who graduated from one of the city's high schools.

Mr. Feldman's business, which was turned over to his son Frank about 10 years ago, according to Judge Liss, was Progress Department, Inc., located at 904 W. Baltimore St.

The scholarship recipient will be selected on the basis of need and scholastic standing.

Prophet Eli pleads not guilty

The Rev. Theodore Eli Wilerford, popular radio evangelist, pleaded not guilty on arraignment in Criminal Court last Thursday.

Known as Prophet Eli, the minister-evangelist is accused of assaulting the former mother of his 600 block W. Lexington St., church, with a lamp.

The widow, Mrs. Mary E. Walker, 65, charges that during the Aug. 23 incident at her home, the prophet demanded $3,000 from her or that she turn over to him the deed to her East Baltimore home.

The arraignment was before Judge Shirley Jones. Nelson R. Kandel, attorney, represented the Rev. Mr. Eli.

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Musician apprehended on The Block

A Criminal Court case involving William Vander Swindell, 45, 3700 block Elderon Ave., will be continued before Judge Charles D. Harris today (Tuesday).

Mr. Swindell, a saxophonist, music teacher, and owner of his own studio, is accused of violation of narcotics laws.

According to testimony Friday, he was apprehended on March 9 shortly after 2 a.m. near a night club on the Block.

Police testified they found on his person a pistol and a small sealed brown envelop containing brown tobacco-like substances later discovered to be marijuana.

The arresting officer told the court he observed Mr. Swindell "swinging at" another man and arrested him for that reason.

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MR. SWINDELL testified he was struck by a man while he was standing in front of the Great White Way Club at No. 10 N. Gay St.

"I saw stars," he said, adding "and then I was arrested."

The musician who was at one time the saxophonist at "The Gay White Way" said he was there to pick up his wife who is the organist at the Block night spot.

Mrs. Swindell, who also testified, told the court she was talking with her husband when the man came up from behind and struck him. The blow knocked Mr. Swindell down, she testified.

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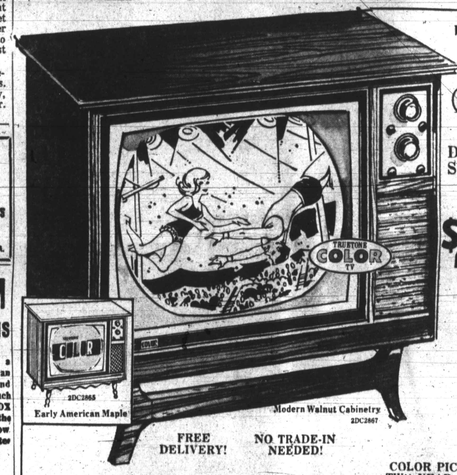

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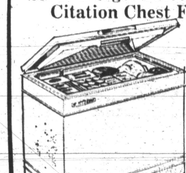

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