Singing talent finds 'angels'

By ROGER NISSLY

Mrs. Christine Jones has found an angel.

More precisely she has found a number of angels who are working to help her with her dream of attending the Peabody Conservatory of Music to further her singing career.

Mrs. Jones is the voice aspirant whose singing talent was discovered several months ago when she was a student in the Concentrated Employment Program.

An instructor in the program, William Volmer, arranged for an audition with Peabody, and Mrs. Jones learned she was qualified for the preparatory school.

All that she lacks is the tuition, and now a committee has been formed to solve that problem.

Frederick Nims, director of the Concentrated Employment Program, has agreed to head the committee of "angels" for a scholarship fund for Mrs. Jones.

James A. Miller, of the Community Action Agency and also a member of the committee, says the group figures it will "need about $7,000 to $8,000 for a complete scholarship."

The figure includes two years in the Peabody preparatory school and four years in the Conservatory. For the first two preparatory years, tuition will be about $400 a semester.

"Of course we can also hope for a scholarship from Peabody," Mr. Miller as-

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Jobs program opened for war veterans

To assist Vietnam Era servicemen about to be released from active duty, the Department of Defense has initiated a new job assistance program to help veterans in obtaining civilian employment with the Federal government.

The automated system called Vietnam Era Veterans to make a single application for employment, and receive civilian employment consideration at locations of their choice throughout the United States.

Vietnam Era servicemen at Aberdeen Proving Ground and Edgewood Arsenal can apply at their

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FREEDOM CITATION — U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark (left center) received the NAACP's highest citation, the Freedom Award, at the Third Annual Freedom Festival Dinner here Thursday night. Clarence Mitchell Jr. (right center), director of the NAACP Washington Bureau, made the presentation. Pictured are: (from left) Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro III; City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr.; Mr. Clark; Judge Robert B. Watts, who was toastmaster for the affair; Mr. Mitchell; State's Attorney General Francis B. Burch and State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III. In second panel, AFRO President John H. Murphy III (left) talks with dinner speaker, ABC-TV newsman Mal Goode.

State warehouse worker accused

William E. Hayes, 41, 3300 block Garrison Blvd., has been indicted by the grand jury for theft of over $1600 worth canned salmon and coffee from a state warehouse at 318 Light St.

Hayes was arrested by state police on Oct. 30 while at work in the warehouse.

According to Adam G. Uhl, chief of the State Purchasing Bureau, the canned goods, $577.24 worth salmon and $115.75 in coffee, were found to be missing after a Sept. 30 inventory.

According to Thomas S. Smith, chief of the state police Investigating Division, "there may have been other hands in the soup and Hayes is not charged with taking all the items."

He told the AFRO Monday that shortly after Sgt. Paul H. Rappaport and Trooper Joseph L. Lawrence were placed on the investigation, it was learned that some of the missing canned goods could be found on the shelves of a local store.

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ARMED WITH a search warrant, Maj. Smith said the officers went to the store and were told by the owner that he had obtained some of his coffee and salmon from Hayes.

Maj. Smith also said the name of the store owner and the location of the store is not revealed at this time since the owner has turned state's witness.

The officer reported that if Hayes is found to be involved it will be unfortunate in that he was a trusted employee despite a previous brush he had with the jaw.

Maj. Smith told the AFRO Hayes had also been employed at one time at the State Police Waterloo Barracks.

He went to the State Purchasing Office as a temporary employee in March pending the outcome of an examination.

3 cabbies robbed at same site

Three cab drivers have been victims of robberies at the same site within the last week.

The open season on cabdrivers continued last Tuesday night as two cabbies were robbed of almost identical amounts, at the same location, each by a single hold-up man, they told police.

The two victims — Irvin Friedman, 27, and Noble Johnson, 31 — were robbed in the 2509 block W. Fairmount Ave., Western police say.

About 2½ hours separated the two incidents, and different techniques were used, according to information given to police by the men.

Mr. Friedman was robbed at about 9:20 p.m. by a man he picked up at Howard and Baltimore Sts., he reported.

The bandit occupied the right front seat and engaged in occasional conversation, the driver said.

At the W. Fairmount Ave. robbery scene, the stick-up man produced a long, silver-handled knife, the driver told police.

Holding the knife against the driver's throat, the man ordered him to "hand it over," then jumped from the car and fled into an alley with about $18, the victim said.

The stick-up man who took a similar amount from Mr. Johnson at about 11:45 p.m. hailed the cab at Pre-

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19 life members listed at NAACP Dinner

At the Third Annual Freedom Festival Dinner last Thursday, the NAACP reported the addition of 19 new life memberships.

Banquet guests numbering more than 500 persons heard distinguished newspaperman and ABC-TV newscaster, Malvin R. Goode, predict, in "spite of who may be in the White House, colored citizens will determine which way America will go the next four years."

Both he and U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark said America, on the brink of disaster, can only remain a leader in the world if it eliminates racial discrimination.

Praising the NAACP work on the front in the long struggle for equal rights in the nation, both speakers called for continued support of the organization by persons of all races.

Atty. Gen. Clark urged support of the NAACP "with all your strength."

He said, "It is vitally important to this nation in these turbulent times of vast changes."

His talk came after he received the organization's annual citation.

The NAACP's highest honor, the Freedom Award, was presented by Clarence Mitchell Jr., director of the NAACP Washington Bureau, who termed the attorney general "A truly great American."

Mr. Mitchell also reviewed the U.S. legal accomplishments in the civil rights field as the greatest in the history of the world and credited the "almost miraculous" feats to Atty. Gen. Clark working along with President Johnson.

Mrs. Mary Hawkins, an NAACP worker for over 30 years, presented the new life members.

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JUDGE Robert B. Watts served as toastmaster and introduced scores of national, state and local government officials and distinguished guests.

John H. Murphy III, AFRO president, introduced Mr. Goode.

Members of the AFRO founding family were special guests since the occasion honored the late publisher, Dr. Carl Murphy.

Dr. Murphy reactivated the NAACP in Baltimore in 1935 and served as national board member and local Legal Redress Committee chairman.

Dr. Murphy, also a life member, died in 1967. The banquet in memoriam tribute included "Born Free" sung by baritone William E. Omaro accompanied by Mrs. Mary Brown, pianist.

Among speakers also lauding the NAACP and praising the attorney general and the administration for equal justice accomplishments was Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro III.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP president, received the Police Department Distinguished Citizens Award from Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau.

Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord gave the invocation. The Rev. A. J. Payne gave the benediction.

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NEW LIFE members are: John H. Murphy Jr.; Morton and Dyett Funeral Homes, Inc., James Morton, Leroy Dyett; Rev. Howard L. Cornish; Dr. Vernon Pennington; Dr. Frank A. DeCista; Mrs. Lucy Edwards; Dr. Maurice Adams; John A. Hawkins; Dr. Herbert M. Frisby.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Maryland Dental Society; Concord Baptist Church, Rev. Matthew Silver, pastor; Neighborhood Community Council; St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church, Father Henry Offer, pastor; Lionel Whitworth, representatives; Rev. C. H. Churn; Miss Allyson M. Hagan (youth); Master Jerryl L. Payne (youth); Master Ossarew Gee III, (youth); United Mine Workers of America, Local Union No. 12810, Dist. 50, Rev. Clarence Powell; Maryland Public Employees Council No. 67, AFSCME.

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MEMBERS OF the Murphy family present included John H. Murphy III, AFRO president; A. Paul Moss and wife, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Moss, AFRO vice president-treasurer; Mr. and Mrs. D. Arnett Murphy; Howard H. Mur-

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Youth accused of 4 murders found to be insane by court

Reginald Vernon Oates, 19, of Edmondson Village, has been committed to the custody of the Department of Mental Hygiene for an indefinite period.

On Friday, Judge Albert L. Sklar made the decision in Criminal Court after he received a report from eight Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital physicians that the youth is mentally incompetent to stand trial.

Young Oates was accused of the murder of four boys, 5 to 12 years of age; assault with intent to rape two small girls and sexual molesting four boys.

A total of 16 indictments handed down by the Grand Jury also said murder victims were sexually molested and parts of bodies severed.

The incidents are alleged to have occurred in April in Leakin Park in the Edmondson Village area.

After Oates arrest April 20, his attorney Fred Weisgal, pleaded him not guilty by reason of insanity.

On Friday, Dr. Ido Adona of the Perkins Hospital staff told the court that the June 28 conference of eight physicians found that the youth was insane at the time of the incidents and is insane now.

DR. ADONA also said Oates is a danger to himself and to society and is still unable to assist his attorney at a trial.

The state through Hilary Caplan, assistant states attorney, held the case open until such time in the future when the young man may be able to come to trial.

According to Judge Sklar, the young man will be under medical treatment and detained by Mental Hygiene Dept. authorities but not confined to prison as such.

Also under orders of the court, medical and psychological examination will be continued, the jurist stated.

Young Oates who appeared to have gained additional weight since his last appearance in court at arraignment on April 29, looked off into space during court proceedings Friday.

It seemed obvious the youth who turned 19 years of age in May, did not realize what was happening.

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DISORDER REPORT:

'1st time all department heads worked together'

The Office of Disaster Control and Civil Defense has issued a report on its activities during the April disorders, outlining how a new plan for city emergencies worked during its first test.

The 24-page report submitted to the mayor's office by Robert H. Osborne, director of the city office, appears to find the "Baltimore Civil Emergency Plan" satisfactory after the functions it carried out between April 5 and 10 of this year.

The Baltimore Civil Emergency Plan was ordered by Mayor D'Alesandro in February, and is designed to be used in different types of emergency situations.

The city-wide plan, involving all facets of government and public service organizations, is designed to support law enforcement officials as well as establish relief stations for refugees and provide food and shelter.

The objectivity of the report can be made questionable by statements such as "the possibility for an influx of people from these rioting cities into Baltimore, and if not themselves bent on consciously spreading the riots, by the very act of talking about these riots to local inhabitants they would increase the possibility of civil crisis breaking out in this city."

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THE REPORT reveals that the plan first went into effect at 4:30 on Friday afternoon. It was not until Saturday at 5:40 p.m. that the first disorders were reported in the East Baltimore Gay St. area.

The Civil Defense report seems to give evidence that officials were expecting and waiting for a dis-

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Edmondson Hi grad dies struck by a car Sunday

Frederick David Knox, 18, 300 block Gwynn Ave., a June Edmondson High graduate died Sunday morning as the result of an accident in the 2600 block Edmondson Ave.

Police reports show the youth was crossing the street at Braddish and Edmondson going Southwest from the Northwest corner, when he was struck by an automobile.

Records also show the youth's body was found 390 feet West of the point of impact.

Western District police officers state he was pronounced dead at Lutheran Hospital at 1:53 a.m.

Charged with automobile manslaughter and assault is the driver of the car, William Henry Watty Jr., 25, 1100 block Elfcott Driveway.

Mr. Watty told police he halted his car when the hood flew up and was not aware anyone had been injured.

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MR. WATTY, also told police who arrived on the scene to investigate, that the large crowd standing by had become angry with him and some of them yelled, "Kill him, Kill him."

He told the investigating officers that he was forced to curb up in a ball on the ground as he was beat and kicked and that the crowd scattered when someone revealed the police were coming.

Western District Capt. Dennis P. Mello told the AFRO that an unruly crowd of young people gathered outside the emergency Room of Lutheran Hospital about 1:20 a.m. and again tried to get to the driver of the car.

He stated that the youths, friends of the dead man, became so unruly police officers were forced to use chemical mace to bring order.

Arrested was Roy C. Wyatt, 18, 300 block Gwynn Ave.

Wyatt, an Edmondson High School senior, was found not guilty at the 9 a.m. hearing at Western Municipal Court.

Young Knox was working at the Maryland Cup Co. at his death.

Funeral services will be held from the Nutter Funeral Home, 3035 W. North Ave., Friday at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Cemetery. Further information may be had by calling the funeral home.

Veronica Tyler enthralls Morgan, then White House

By ADAH K. JENKINS

Veronica Tyler renowned soprano, was guest at a coffee hour to meet Morgan State College students at the Student Union last Thursday noon.

The native Baltimore singer, who made international headlines as a winner in last year's Tchaikovsky competition in Moscow, chatted informally as the students eagerly plied her with questions.

With Mrs. Beryl Williams presiding, the stylishly-attired singer graciously answered questions about her training and career.

Her answers were informative and interesting. Somehow one could agree with her statement that "after you get out of school, one really learns."

Having done coaching, Miss Tyler seems to have a ready communication with students.

Morgan music education students made practical inquiries, especially one young lady who confessed to having a "terrible time" with sight singing and asked for advice.

The singer sympathetically offered several memory devices, but mainly advised consistent drill in writing and singing intervals.

In discussing languages needed by the singer, she stated "Since I am singing opera in Italy next year, I am studying Italian, as I will need to converse. Of course at Peabody I sang in three languages — French, German and Italian."

Although Veronica Tyler sings concert, oratorio and

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Mrs. Lindsey, 81, long-time Brantley Ave. good neighbor

"She was kind and unassuming. She never wanted to be in the limelight. She was happy to see us do things and enjoyed hearing us talk about our activities . . she was always doing for others . . ."

Mrs. Beatrice Wright, city teacher, was speaking of her mother, Mrs. Alice B. Lindsey, 81, of 1034 Brantley Ave.

Mrs. Lindsey became ill at home and was rushed to Hopkins Hospital, where she died on Sunday afternoon.

The Charles Law Funeral Home is handling arrangements for the funeral which is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wenesday at Metropolitan Methodist Church, Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale St.

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MRS. LINDSEY was a member of the church for nearly a half century. She belonged to the Female Usher Board and to the Lily of the Valley Circle.

In addition, she was active in the Brantley Ave. Neighborhood Association.

She and her family had lived in the same house or 42 years.

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MRS. LINDSEY was born in Harford County, Md., daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Brown Robinson.

She attended the public schools there and came to Baltimore while still a young woman.

Shortly afterwards, she met and married Frisby Lindsey. They observed their 58th wedding anniversary on last April 29.

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IN ADDITION to the daughter, Mrs. Wright, and her husband, Mrs. Lindsey is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Alice Thomas.

Also, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Mills and Mrs. Madelyne Futh; two brothers, Edward Robinson; and Amos Robinson, Cape May, N.J. (The latter is ill and will be unable to attend the funeral.)

Also surviving: A son-in-law, David N. Wright; a grandson, Kenneth Lockett, Orange, N.J., and great grand-daughter, Lynette Lockett. — B. M. MOSS

FAMED SOPRANO Veronica Tyler (right), of Baltimore, met with students in an informal gathering at Morgan State College Thursday. Male Morganites (from left) Dr. Joseph Eubanks, Roderick Ross, William Cox and Dr. Clarence Faulcon were just as intrigued as representatives of the distaff side, students Carolyn Rollery and Norberta Winborne.

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Boycott Against Miriam's Records Angers Carmichael

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Ex-Trustee Indicted In $2G Theft

Stokely reports Eldridge Cleaver 'alive and safe'

"She figures if they are going to boycott the record because of her marriage to me, then later for them."

Militant Stokely Carmichael told the AFRO over the weekend that is how his recording star wife, South African singer Miriam Makeba, feels about the radio-industry boycott of her latest album.

Columnist Jack Anderson had quoted Carmichael as saying "the whole industry is boycotting my wife. She has cut a new album and they refuse to play it because she married me."

"They are afraid I will buy guns with the money."

He conceded that the boycott was having an effect on his wife's income but showed no indication of being swayed by suggesting in an interview with the AFRO that colored Americans "should give each other guns for Christmas."

"They should get some guns and develop an undying love for our people," he said.

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THE FORMER SNCC leader who is now a member of the Black Panthers, confided that the missing information minister of the Panthers, Eldridge Cleaver, "is alive and well and naturally is working for his people.

"He's safe."

As police spread a dragnet for Cleaver, who did not show up in Los Angeles Wednesday to be returned to jail on a parole violation, there were reports he had left the country.

Getting back to the story involving his wife's being boycotted, Carmichael insisted this was not the first time the industry has used politics, racial views or other non-talent reasons to hurt colored artists.

He noted that high-flying James Brown was being barred in many places until during the racial disorders he urged rebellious people to "cool it" and recorded a song, "America's My Home."

Declaring he intends to carry on the fight for his people, Carmichael denied columnist Anderson's suggestion that he might be moving to Guinea.

Stokely said that place probably was mentioned because Guinea President Toure's private secretary has been their house guest during the period they have been moving out of their current home.

He said talk of their home being in the $70,000 class was part of a rumor to discredit him with his followers.

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STOKELY SAID that although his wife has debts and finds the boycott a "serious" matter, she is continuing her own fight in support of African guerillas in the southern area of the continent.

"A lot of people have been saying to her that they don't see how such a nice girl like her could marry someone like me," Stokely said.

There have been threats against her life since the marriage and sometimes when she appears at places, such as recently in the Fairmount Hotel in San Francisco, there are bomb threats, he observed.

Stokely said he felt a number of colored deejays

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MR. AND MRS. STOKELY CARMICHAEL
Sees boycott of wife's new album

Ministers shift leads in contest

The Rev. W. P. Mitchell added to his lead in the AFRO's favorite Minister contest over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Payne Memorial AME Church, holds first place with 214,800 votes, a jump over his Friday count of 179,000.

In a major shift among the leaders, the Rev. Seawood Blackstone, of Crowdenville AME Church, broke the 200,000 mark to move into second place.

The Rev. Mr. Blackstone jumped from 134,000 votes to 201,000 over the weekend.

In third is the Rev. Lewis Conway, First Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, with 188,700 votes.

Fourth place, in another big shift, is now held by the Rev. Roscoe Williams, Orchard Street Methodist Church, with 132,000. He had been in sixth place.

In fifth is Bishop M. R. Saunders, First United Apostolic Church, with 128,000 votes.

Remember, the deadline in the $2,000 contest is beginning to close in. The final ballot will appear in the Jan. 13 edition.

Along with votes, the number of ministers entered by congregations in the contest also escalated over the weekend. Now 142 ministers are vying for the honors.

There is still time to put your favorite minister up among leaders. All it takes is a collection of the ballots printed on page two of each edition of the AFRO.

All the votes you can muster may be brought or mailed to the AFRO at 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21203.

MAKES A POINT — Robert C. Embry, commissioner, Department of Housing and Community Development, explains "Coldspring," the proposed new city housing for medium and low-income families, to be located in the Coldspring La. and Greenspring Ave. area.

Housing commissioner explains 'Coldspring,' city within city

"There are several points on which I would like to be clearly understood about this proposed project.

"This will not be a public housing project.

"This area will be developed with people in mind."

Robert C. Embry, youthful commissioner of Housing and Community Development, was explaining to the AFRO his plans for developing a "self-sustaining city," to be known as "Coldspring."

It will occupy a site south of the intersection of Coldspring Lane and Greenspring Ave.

Mr. Embry, former City Councilman from the Third District, referred to anxieties residents of the area have registered regarding pending commercial development of the section.

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A CITY COUNCIL Ordinance designed to change the zoning of the site is pending. Commercial interests are opposing the ordinance, it has been learned, because of plans to build a shopping center.

"The point to keep in mind is the fact that the area is going to be developed," Mr. Embry warned. He added:

"What is important now is that we take steps to develop it in the interest of the people. The proposed city of 'Coldspring' is such a step."

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HOME OWNERSHIP will be the hallmark of the new city, Mr. Embry promised. Another advantage of the planned city, according to the commissioner, is the fact that it will alleviate pressure on present facilities in the area.

Mr. Embry points out that the current facilities crisis there can be attributed to poor planning.

The Department of Recreation and Education are still trying to catch up with the respective needs of the community, whose population has skyrocketed in recent years.

EDGECOMBE CIRCLE Elementary School is still operating on part time due to overcrowding despite the fact that an entire new wing was built on to the original plant.

In response to continuous overcrowding, portables are now under construction.

No relief is expected until the completion of the Greenspring Junior High School, to be located on a

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Gets 30 years in Miss. KKK bomb trial

By PHIL HEARN

MERIDIAN, Miss. (UPI) — A young man's five-year war against an enemy he pictured as a "Communist-Jewish conspiracy" is over, brought to a close when a jury voted to send him to prison instead of to a mental institution.

The jury of 11 whites and one non-white deliberated one hour and 50 minutes Wednesday night before finding Thomas Albert Tarrants III guilty of trying to plant a homemade bomb near the home of Meyer Davison, a prominent Jewish businessman.

Lauderdale County Circuit Judge Lester Williamson sentenced the 21-year-

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Took church funds 'through deceit,' officials charge

Clifford M. Hudgins, 41, 3800 block Grantley Ave., the 1966 chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, has been indicted by the Grand Jury on charges of larceny after trust.

The three-count indictment charges that during his term in office, Jan. through December, 1966, Mr. Hudgins took "through deceit" a sum of $2,407.73.

Accompanied by his attorney, William H. Murphy, Mr. Hudgins surrendered Monday to Det. Joseph M. Nixon of the State's Attorney Bureau.

He was released on his own recognizance to appear when called for trial in Criminal Court. No date has been set for a hearing.

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A GOVERNMENT worker, Mr. Hudgins is employed by the Veterans Administration in Washington. He is married and has a family.

The Grand Jury indictment was handed down Nov. 27 after members of the Investigation Bureau of the state's Attorney's office presented the case to the panel as a "special."

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CHARGES WERE preferred by the Rev. Reginald Daniels, 2100 block Madison Ave., pastor; David Allen, 3800 block Windsor Mill Rd., accountant; Leonard Wilmore, 3600 block Rosedale Rd., the present chairman of the Trustee Board; and James A. B. Callis, 2100 block Druid Hill Ave., member of the board.

According to records presented to the jury a shortage of funds was discovered at the end of 1966.

An audit of church funds was ordered in November, 1967.

Last February Mr. Allen, a certified public accountant, handed in the completed audit which showed the $2,407.72 deficit, according to court records.

The record also shows church officials delayed action, hoping not to have to bring the matter to the attention of the court.

An effort to arrange for recovery of the funds was not successful, investigators reported.

According to Det. Nixon, the officials in October decided to press the matter.

Their claim is that cash money was taken through misuse of bank deposit slips.

No 'Makeba' boycott here

By AL RUTLEDGE

The charge that there is a national boycott against South African Miriam Makeba in radio, concerts and television has been denied in the Baltimore area.

Investigation of positions taken by the seven major radio stations in Baltimore indicated that none of them were boycotting Miss Makeba's new album.

One music director wasn't even sure "who Miriam Makeba is off hand."

Syndicated Columnist Jack Anderson last week quoted Stokely Carmichael, Miss Makeba's husband, as saying "the whole industry is boycotting my wife. She

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Missing Panther Cleaver has $50,000 Dec. 23 date

SAN FRANCISCO — Missing Eldridge Cleaver has a $50,000 date with authorities on Dec. 23.

At that time the Black Panther information minister is scheduled to appear in Alameda County Superior Court for the setting of a trial date on charges growing out of a 30-minute shootout between Panthers and police in Oakland in April.

In that clash Panther Bobby Hutton, 17, was killed and two other members and two policemen were wounded.

If Cleaver fails to appear for the hearing he could forfeit the $50,000 bail put up for him. He and five others have been charged with attempted murder and deadly assault on a police officer.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT officers appeared baffled in their search for Cleaver, an author and Peace and Freedom Party presidential candidate last November.

Plainclothesmen had been shadowing Cleaver off and on for months while he was free pending court rulings on his appeal — but when the scheduled day came Wednesday for his return to custody as a parole violator, he was not to be found.

The 33-year-old militant ignored an appointment Wednesday with his parole officer who was to take him back to prison at the time a court ruling became final. The California Adult Authority then issued an arrest order.

Cleaver was not at the Victorian House on Pine Street where he resided with his wife, Katherine. Instead, the building contained armor plate and several Black Panthers with shotguns.

Cleaver has been quoted as saying, "I'd rather be shot down in the street" than go back to prison, and it had been rumored in the community that he in-

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Ray trial delay may be sought

MEMPHIS — Observers here expect James Earl Ray's attorney to seek a new delay in his trial, tentatively set now for March 3.

A key reason for feeling a postponement will be sought is that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was slain here on April 4, meaning the trial probably still would be underway on the anniversary date of the assassination.

Valis seen holding job illegally

The continued employment of John W. Valis as acting chief of the Division of Motor Vehicle Maintenance, after he failed a Civil Service examination was termed "illegal" today by a prominent constitutional lawyer.

The legal expert stated that the City Charter provisions which apply to the case are clear on this point.

Under provisions of the charter, the lawyer said, the position which is now under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission, became vacant when the test for that position was given last summer.

Legally the position could only be filled by one of the top scorers among the candidates who passed the test, the attorney explained.

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THE TEST was given to Mr. Valis, who was acting chief of the division, and to two other candidates, one of whom is his subordi-

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Caplan, Gallagher attack Dr. Sheldon

By PETER J. KOPER

The city council exploded into a bitter attack on school superintendent Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon and the Baltimore School Board last night after Fifth District Councilman Reuben Caplan read a statement blasting the city school administration for its handling of the county pupils dispute and hinting that it was "part of a master plan" for integration in Baltimore.

Mr. Caplan said that "he (Dr. Sheldon) seems to have dedicated himself to more integration" rather than raising the educational standards of city schools.

Citing what he called "pressure" that caused families to move out of the city to find better education for their children, Mr. Caplan went on to say that county pupils now going to city schools were being "held as hostages" and that it was a "new low on the part of the superintendent."

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FIFTH DISTRICT councilman Alexander Stark rose to rebut Mr. Caplan's accusations and pointed out that the council had passed his resolution that stated that the city wanted some "reciprocity" concerning city students.

"Brotherly love in this in-

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Six die in holiday weekend shootings

Six people died in shooting incidents during Thanksgiving weekend, as the city was again convulsed by violence.

The victims:

George F. Strawder, 23, 4700 block Wakefield Rd.

Irvin Shar, 70, 7600 block Labyrinth Rd.

Felton Williams, 57, 600 block W. Lafayette Ave.

Mrs. Minnie Jefferson, 43, 500 block Baker St.

Sidney E. Brown Jr, 26, 1200 block N. Patterson Park Ave.

Mrs. Mary Frances

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No warrant for Cleaver yet

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Authorities say no federal warrant has yet been issued for the arrest of Eldridge Cleaver because they have not turned up any firm evidence the Black Panther leader has left California.

Despite a whirlwind of rumors which have placed Cleaver at various spots all over the globe, officials concentrated their search for the 33-year-old black militant in the San Francisco Bay area.

Cleaver disappeared Nov. 24, three days before he was due to surrender to authorities for return to prison as a parole violator, a result of a shootout last April between Panthers and Oakland police.

MRS. KATHERINE CLEAVER, wife of Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver, accompanied by Attorney Charles Garry, right, answers newsmen's questions in San Francisco, last week. Cleaver, who was scheduled to surrender himself to authorities for return to prison as a parole violator, did not show up. An arrest order was issued by the California Adult Authority for Cleaver. Mrs. Cleaver and Garry said they did not know the whereabouts of her husband. (UPI Telephoto)

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