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—Gibson, Daniels named

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the board.

The two new members, who will fill vacancies left by retiring white board members, are:

Samuel T. Daniels, 46, former executive secretary of the Community Relations Commission and now director of the Council for Equal Business Opportunity.

Larry S. Gibson, 26, attorney, graduate of Columbia Law School, who managed the recent successful campaign of Joseph C. Howard for a judgeship on the Supreme Bench.

Mayor D'Alesandro sent the appointments to City Council Monday for confirmation, along with the Board president, Francis D. Murnaghan, and another Board member, Mrs. Marie Farring.

Mrs. Farring, who usually speaks for the conservative position on matters before the Board, and Mr. Murnaghan were both renominated for full six-year terms.

Mr. Daniels was named to fill the unexpired term, which lasts until Dec. 31, 1970, of Dr William D McElroy, Hopkins, biologist, who is now president of the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Baltimore.

Mr. Gibson, named for a complete six-year term, will fill the post vacated by Dr. William S. Stone, dean of the University of Maryland medical school and a conservative on most matters before the Board.

The appointments are subject to City Council hearings and will be up for confirmation at a later date.

The pending appointment was known for some time, but Mr. Gibson's name was not hinted at until last week.

Mr. Daniels said yesterday that his comments on specific School Board matters will come after the City Council has had a chance to act and after he has a chance to gain an "intimate knowledge" of School Board matters.

He said he did expect to be able to draw upon his experiences with the Department of Education gained as the director of the Community Relations Commission.

He accepted the post with the knowledge of its "very demanding" nature and the feeling that it is "essential for citizens to participate when given the opportunity."

The mayor, in naming Mr. Gibson, pointed to him as a recent graduate of the city schools who will have a knowledge of the situation now.

Mr. Gibson, who graduated from City College in 1960 and from Howard University in 1964, said he feels his main asset is "my relationship with my peers," also recent graduates. "I intend to draw upon those contacts and those relationships."

Mr. Gibson will be the only member of the board who has graduated since the Sureme Court's desegregation order.

In an aside, he pointed up what is now one of the problems facing the local schools. He was one of the first to attend City College after it was integrated, he said, noting that "now I understand the school is re-segregated (the other way)."

Present black members of the board are James Griffin, compliance officer for the State Department of Personnel and former head of CORE, and Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss, vice president and treasurer of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Mayor D'Alesandro also commented to the AFRO on the earlier report that Mrs. Marian Banfield, civic leader and member of the Mayor's Task Force, would be named to the board.

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The mayor said he recognized Mrs. Banfield as a "fine person," knew of her contributions to the city and hoped to call on her services at a later date.

Last month the mayor made the commitment on Mr. Daniels' appointment when he spoke at the convention of Myra Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

—Flu bug 'epidemic'

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of schools and businesses in regard to the number of persons reported absent with the "Hong Kong Flu."

So far, according to Dr. Mellin, the number has not appreciably increased over the average number of flu cases for late November and early December.

"We've had a report of an outbreak of flu at St. Mary's Seminary, and at a few private schools, but there have been no reports of a major increase at any to the public schools.

"The average at this point isn't much more than the normal five per cent absenteeism," Dr. Mellin noted.

This news is no doubt well-received by many Baltimoreans who have swamped the Health Department with telephone calls in an effort to learn where flu vaccine is available.

Due to the sudden increase in demand for the drug in other parts of the country where the disease has hit harder, drug suppliers here have informed the Department that they will not be able to deliver it in any major quantity before the end of next week.

Even then, they say, the supply will be limited Health Department officials reported.

Since the supply of flu in Maryland is not quite so limited — "epidemic" or no "epidemic" — an ounce of prevention is in order.

The symptoms of the Hong Kong flu are typical of influenza symptoms in general, Dr. Mellin told the AFRO.

The most easily noticed are: fever (usually between 102 and 104 degrees, but some cases have been reported in which the temperature rose to 105); chilly sensations; respiratory trouble (coughing, sore throat); appetite loss, muscle aches and pains; and in many cases, headache, doctors reported.

The duration of the sickness varies widely from patient to patient, but the average is slightly less than a week.

Cases have been reported in which the influenza remained for 16 days, Dr. Mellin reports, but the longer duration is more the result of previous sickness than of the "bug" itself.

If the above-mentioned symptoms are noticed, the best preliminary treatment consists of just staying in bed, a diet including more fluids than solid foods, and an occasional aspirin for the headache.

If the duration of the fever is more than just a few days, or if there are any difficulties in breathing, call the family physician, Dr. Mellin advises.

Since complications may arise if the patient has a history of respiratory or cardiac trouble, Dr. Mellin advises that a physician be called in this case also.

These may require the use of antibiotics, which can be used only with a doctor's prescription.

-43 homeless

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milk to the women and children who crowded into her apartment, told her guests:

As many of you who want to stay, as many as the house will hold, you're all welcome. It could as easily have been its over here.

This is the time when people have to stay together."

Although the fire had been brought under control slightly before 1 p.m., few of the homeless cared to inspect the debris.

One who did was Mrs. Lila Mae Lawson, who lived with her niece and nephew in the first floor apartment at 2912 Springhill a house in which the damage was listed as "extensive."

"There was water all over the floor, and the ceiling was falling in from the apartment above, everything was ruined," she reported.

Mrs. Lawson recalled that she first saw smoke coming from the first floor at 2916 when she left her home to go shopping.

She hailed a cab and told the driver of the smoke. The driver then hailed a passing police car, and the police sent in the first alarm.

"I really didn't think it would be this serious," she said. "There was a woman standing right in front of the house where the smoke was coming from, and she didn't seem to be upset.

"So after the alarm was sent in, I went to do my shopping. It wasn't until I got to Mondawmin that I heard all the fire engines, and came back."

Mrs. Lawson will go to live temporarily with her niece and nephew at the home of a sister, Mrs. Lila Lee Dallas, at 2908 Hildale Ave.

Of the 43 persons left homeless by the blaze, 18 are children and an equal number are elderly retired persons.

Since few have any hope of finding permanent homes in the coming week, the Christmas holidays will be spent in the crowded homes of friends and relatives, the victims of a tragedy which, for many of them, has meant the loss of all their wordly goods.

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-Decision due

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sketchy bits by Mr. Burch, in announcing last week his office had concluded several months of investigation into fraudulent practices.

A determination of whatever else to be made public will come, Mr. Moylan said, following the report to him this morning.

Speculation has been high about whom is involved, since Mr. Burch announced that fraudulent practices were uncovered among a number of doctors, dentists and pharmacists.

He would only say that "tens of thousands of dollars" were found to be wrapped up in the frauds.

It is commonly known, though, that a large percentage of users of Medicaid subscribers are inner city residents.

Not having read the report, Mr. Moylan said he would not have knowledge of possible charges until this morning.

Mr. Burch earlier would give no details. He said they involved fraudulent vouchers to the Health Department for prescriptions never filled, and altered dosages to reflect higher service costs.

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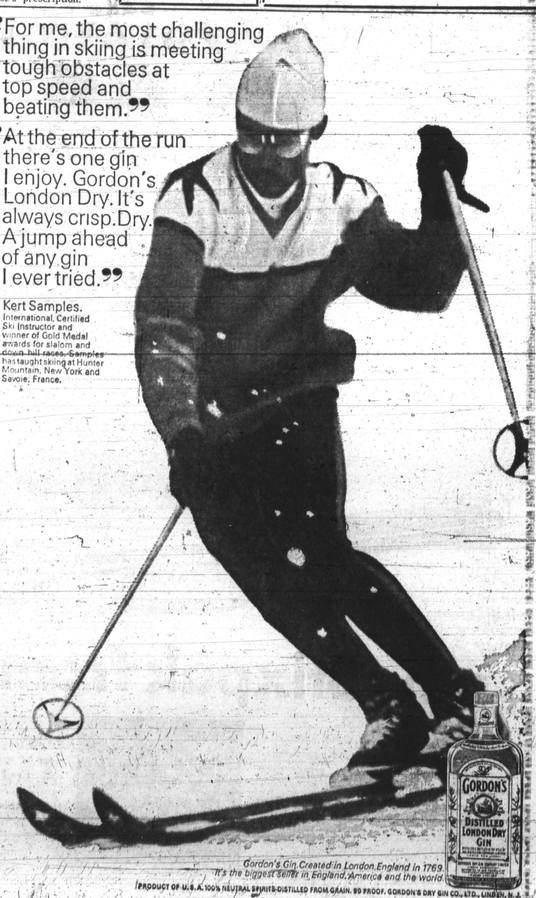

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