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# Powell Predicts House Victory

## Banks weighs Southern offer

EARL BANKS

The departure of Earl Banks from the post of head coach of football at Morgan State College may be imminent.

Banks has scheduled a conference with Dr. G. L. Netterville, president of Southern University, for next Thursday evening, and will be offered the job of head coach of the Jaguars at that time. The AFRO learns from an unimpeachable source that the Southern offer will include concessions that "will be very difficult for Banks to turn down."

Word that the Morgan tutor has been sought "by several schools," for more than a year, has been circulating in CIAA ranks since last September. The rumors have become more widespread the past six weeks — or since the close of the 1968 football campaign.

It wasn't, however, until an announcement by Dr. Netterville on Thursday, that Banks confirmed that he is interested in the Southern University offer. The announcement by the Baton Rouge (La.) administrator disclosed that Bob Smith had tendered his resignation as Jaguar head football coach and that it had been accepted.

The Southern president further revealed that "three or four" prospects are being considered as Smith's successor.

It then was discovered that Southern officials had requested permission to approach Banks with the coaching offer, and that Dr. Martin Jenkins, president of Morgan, had given his approval.

Banks told the AFRO Thursday that he had been asked to fly to Baton Rouge for the talks with Dr. Netterville sometime this

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## Parents weep as 'charming' school burns

The early morning fire which raced through the old West Building of the Garrett Heights Elementary School complex left 250 elementary pupils displaced and hundreds of parents with tear streaked cheeks.

The old building which was erected in the early 1900's was not only a place of learning for nearly half the 654 children attending the school, but a source of pride to the neighborhood and PTA members.

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According to the principal, Mrs. Cleo A. Diggs, "It

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LIFE-SAVING TECHNOLOGY — Dr. Elijah Saunders, chief of Cardiology at Provident Hospital, and staff nurses demonstrate the newest life-saving technology employed to reduce deaths from heart ailments. Nurses and patients are Mrs. Rosa Cain, Hezikiah Briley, Miss Margarette McClamny, and Miss Carolyn Hester, supervisor of Provident's Coronary Care Unit.

## Provident Hospital adds new life-saving device

Provident Hospital has added a new device to its already ultra-modern life-saving Coronary Care Unit.

A telephone link, called a dataphone, has been installed between Provident and the University of Maryland Hospital.

In the Coronary Care Unit, each patient is connected to an Electrocardiograph (EKG) which is monitored at the patient's beside and at the nurse's station on a screen.

This way, the Nurse can watch the heart beats of all the patients from her station at the same time.

The Coronary Care Unit in Provident has five beds and the one at University has six.

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The recent introduction of Coronary Care Units into Maryland Hosptials has brought about a significant decrease in the mortality rates for heart attack victims.

As much as a 40 per cent reduction in deaths from heart attacks has taken place since the units have been in operation.

Prior to the wide-spread installation of Coronary Care Units, the mortality rates for heart attack victims throughout the country were 30-35 per cent during

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## Big snow due today

According to the U.S. Weather Bureau there's a 60 per cent chance of Baltimore getting up to five inches of snow by Saturday, tomorrow.

The temperature is expected to be in the upper 20's and winds variable at 6 to 10 miles an hour.

The snow is expected to begin early today (Friday) evening and increase throughout the night and end on Saturday evening.

The bureau predicts that this, the first snow of the year, will cause the city problems because of freezing temperatures expected to continue through the weekend.

## Sees end to seat fight; 9 others to get oath today

WASHINGTON (UPI) — House Republicans, and Democrats, meeting separately, sidestepped any decision Thursday whether to accept or to rebuff Cong. Adam Clayton Powell, the Harlem Democrat, in his latest attempt to take his seat in the House.

After a heated Republican caucus, House GOP leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan told newsmen each member of his party would have to let his conscience be his guide when Powell presents himself Friday, the day Congress convenes.

The Powell issue was not even discussed at a House Democratic caucus, sources said.

Powell emerged from the meeting of his fellow Democrats to say his chances of being seated in the 91st Congress were "very good." He added:

"I'm confident of being seated."

Speaker John W. McCormack disclosed that he and Powell had met Wednesday. Without discussing the substance of their conversation, McCormack said he supported Powell's seating.

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Powell was denied his seat in the 90th Congress on March 1, 1967, on grounds of alleged financial misconduct.

He won a special election in Harlem shortly thereafter but chose to contest the House action in federal courts as unconstitutional. He was re-elected Nov. 5 in the general election.

The Supreme Court subsequently agreed to hear his case. A federal grand jury conducted an investigation of charges against Powell but failed to return an indictment.

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Rep. Albert Watson, (R, S.C.) said he told his fellow Republicans he would try to have Powell excluded again. "He is still blatantly guilty of defrauding the U.S. Government and the House," Watson said.

Rep. Sherman P. Lloyd, (R., Utah) said he also would vote to exclude Powell, even though such a vote "might be misinterpreted as racial bias."

A special house investi-

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## Ministers shift slots in vote race

Winners will be named in the Favorite Ministers Contest in the Friday, January 10 edition of the AFRO.

The Rev. W. P. Mitchell, Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church, still has a firm hold on first place with a 104,300 lead, and a total of 683,900 votes.

Moving from third place to second place this week is the Rev. M. R. Saunders, First United Apostolic Church, with 579,600 votes.

Another change of position goes to the Rev. Seawood Blackstone, Crowdenville A.M.E. Church, to the third postition with 513,600 votes.

A few votes behind the third place contestant is the Rev. Lewis Conway, First Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, with 512,800 votes.

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Deadline in this $2,000 contest is nearing fast. The final ballot will appear on Jan. 11.

There's still time for you to put your favorite minister in the lead but you must get your votes in now. Ballots are printed on page two of each edition of the AFRO.

In fifth position, the Rev Roscoe Williams, Orchard Street Methodist Church, with 314,400 votes.

Sixth place is held down by the Rev. Rufus Robinson, The True Vine Spiritual Church of God in Christ, with

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Bishop Edward Bunch, Unity Bible Way, has 225,100 votes is the seventh position.

The Rev. L. Waddy, Christ Temple, holds down the eighth place with 215,900 votes.

Ninth place, the Rev. Nathaniel Higgs, Southern Baptst Church, with 199,100 votes.

The tenth spot is held by the Rev. Paris S. Thompson, Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, with 163,700 votes.

## U.S. DA issues warning on new Fair Housing Law

In light of the provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Law all real estate dealers, developers and apartment owners in Maryland have been called upon to reexamine their sales and rental policies by Stephen H. Sachs, U.S. district attorney.

Effective Jan. 1, virtually all multi-family apartment buildings and all homes sold by housing developers came under the coverage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, said Mr. Sachs.

The Act, signed into law by President Johnson last April, prohibits discrimination on the basis of color, race, religion or national origin in the sale or rental of housing.

Previously, the law has only been applicable to certain dwellings constructed or sold with federal financial assistance.

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In addition to providing for private suits against violators of the fair housing law, the statue permits individuals who have been denied housing to complain to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Sach explained.

That agency has authority to attempt to settle such complaints by means of conference and conciliation, he added.

He further stated, that the Fair Housing Law also gives the attorney general responsibility for bringing suits to end "patterns or practices of resistance" to the rights of individuals to seek housing without discrimination or resistance to other rights granted by the new law."

Mr. Sachs pointed out that the attorney general could determine that a "pattern or practice" existed in any case where the owner or manager of a number of houses or apartments was following a policy of excluding black people or other minority groups from equal access to such dwellings.

He added that in addition to the prohibitions against

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## Sirhan cleared of check charge

LOS ANGELES — Sirhan B. Sirhan has been cleared of any wrongdoing in the theft two years ago of a check for $81.57, the Los Angeles Police Department reported Monday.

The check matter came up during investigation of past activities of the Jordanian immigrant who goes on trial Jan. 7 for murder in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

## Nun jailed in black Christmas protest

By DIANE STRATAS

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UPI) — A Maryknoll Nun refused to post an appeal bond Thursday and chose jail when she was fined $500 in connection with a "Black Christmas" demonstration.

Sister Cecilia, 31, white teacher and social worker was arrested Dec. 4 for handcuffing herself to two revolving doors in a downtown department store.

She was charged with disturbing the peace and pleaded innocent Thursday in city court.

Sister Cecilia was housed in a prison dormitory with about 12 other women. She wore the jail uniform — a loose, green cotton garment with the letter "H" embroidered at the neck.

When she spoke with a reporter Sister Cecilia also was wearing a soft pink and blue printed sweater. She appeared calm and composed and smoked a cigarette.

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Sister Cecilia said she was tired from her emotional ordeal and that she had been "scared at first when I first got here to the jail."

She drew the sweater about her and said it was cold inside the dorm. "One of the girls gave me this sweater," she said of another prisoner.

"They were completely shocked and taken aback when they found out I was a sister. One said she didn't think a sister would go this

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## New jury to hear Medicaid frauds

The State's Attorney's office expects to complete its investigation of Medicaid fraud in time for presentation to the new Grand Jury shortly after it convenes Jan. 13, according to Joseph Kiel, assistant prosecutor.

The inquiry, first announced several weeks ago after six months of under cover investigation, is expected to bring to light a wide range of fraudulent practices.

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They have allegedly been perpetrated by certain doctors, dentists, and pharmacists against the Maryland Department of Health through the Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

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Under this federally-assisted state program, the Department of Health pays for certain kinds of medical care and prescriptions rendered to persons unable to pay without assistance.

Doctors and dentists participating in the program are authorized to perform medical services free of charge to persons qualified under standards set by the State Legislature in accordance with the 1967 amendment to the Federal Social Security Act.

Effective this Wednesday, all persons whose incomes do not exceed $140 per cent of the income that would be allowed them through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program are eligible for Medicaid assistance.)

The practitioner is to be reimbursed by the Department of Health for the cost of these services, according to a standard scale.

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Drugs prescribed for these patients by the participating physicians are then provided free of charge by those phamarcists who also participate in the program.

They, too, are reimbursed

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## chuckle

Teacher: Johnny, can you tell me what a hypocrite is?

Johnny: Yes, it's a boy who comes to school with a smile on his face.

## Hard line taken on open housing

The Justice Department says it is prepared to enforce strict compliance with newly effective provisions of the 1968 Federal Open Housing Law which covers more than 20 million

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## Surtax will stay—Brooke

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Sen. Edward Brooke, R-Mass., said this week President-elect Richard M. Nixon "will be forced to revise his thinking" in regard to his promised repeal of the 10 per cent surtax.

The senator told newsmen the nation "would be lucky to get out of the tax in two years, and it will probably be more."

He said the surtax had failed as a device to slow the economy and had become primarily a source of revenue.

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Brooke said the tax

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## Tax man charged on U.S. returns

CHICAGO (UPI) — A federal grand jury Monday indicted Theodore A. Jones, director of the Illinois Department of Revenue and a Chicago civic leader, on income tax evasion charges.

Jones, the highest ranking colored Illinois State official, was accused in a four-count indictment of failing to declare $16,787 on his federal returns for the years 1962 through 1965.

The alleged offenses occurred before Jones, 55, was appointed to the revenue post in 1967 by then Gov. Otto Kerner, now a member of the U.S. District Court of Appeals.

During the period covered by the indictment, a University of Illinois

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## Black Panther to raise Constitutional issues

By ADAM KLINE

Black Panther officer Elijah Boyd, 24, arrested on Christmas Eve on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, appeared Tuesday in Central District Municipal Court to enter a plea of not guilty and to request a jury trial.

In a courtroom literally filled with Black Panther members and supporters — both black and white—the militant leader indicated through his attorney, William H. Zinman, that he will challenge the legal authority of the two private security guards who detained him to make an arrest under the laws of Maryland.

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The two guards, Charles Clemens and Allie Morton, employed by the Walso Bureau of Investigation, arrested Mr. Boyd in the Trailways Bus Terminal while he was distributing leaflets printed by his organization, city police reported.

The Walso company, a private detective agency, is under contract to provide

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