John Q. Citizen may protest fare hike—MTA

The Metropolitan Transit Authority ruled this week that attorneys representing three community groups will be allowed to intervene at an MTA hearing on a Baltimore Transit Company bid to raise fares.

Attorneys representing Movement Against Destruction, Lafayette-Douglass Tenants Council, and the Brunt Community Improvement Association will be able to call their own witnesses and make their own case against the proposed fare hike.

Civic Interest Group, another community organization will also be represented according to the community leaders.

The hearing scheduled for February 10 will determine whether the bid by the BTC to raise fares will be authorized. The company now has a temporary increase in effect.

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The four community organizations claim to represent the 300,000 people using Baltimore's busses. Peter Parker, people's counsel for the MTA, stated that the action was "unnecessary." Mr. Parker's job has been to present the publics point of view in fare hikes.

BTC attorney Joseph Sherbow objected to the decision taken by the MTA behind closed doors stating that the people's counsel was adequate for the job.

Observers saw the inclusion of the community groups as a breakthrough in hearing before the MTA. "The people who pay the money and ride the buses will be able to say what they think," said one official.

SKID-A-ROO — Many a Baltimore-area resident landed on his back like this youngster, because of icy side-walks and streets Wednesday. AFRO Photographer Frank W. Phillips 3rd, snapped this photo at Calverton Junior High School. Schools were closed because of the icy conditions.

Council control over CAA here now under probe

By PETER J. KOPER

Baltimore's Community Action Agency is being investigated by representatives of the Department of Labor to determine whether the city's anti-poverty agency has fulfilled Federal guidelines, the AFRO learned this week.

The investigation includes interviews with city hall officials and anti-poverty workers.

Peter Brown and John Biddle, field representatives from the Department of Labor, have interviewed Fourth District Councilman Emerson Julian and have scheduled an interview with city council president W. Donald Schaefer on Monday.

Councilman Julian told the AFRO that he was asked about the city council rejection of Walter P. Carter as director of the CAA, during a two and-a-half-hour interview with the two investigators.

"There is a question of the council having too much of a voice in the administration of the CAA," Dr. Julian stated. "In other cities the agency is incorporated as a private agency."

Dr. Julian said that in other Community Action cities the agency "gave people more running room."

The only other city with an organization similar to the Baltimore setup is Chicago. "The city might have put a stranglehold on the

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CAA board approves new budget

By ADAM KLINE

Members of the Community Action Commission, meeting Wednesday night in a regularly scheduled session, voted 12-1 to accept the budget requests for fiscal year 1970, as proposed by Frank J. Ellis, executive director of the Community Action Agency.

Also accepted by the 13 commissioners present was a set of guidelines for the planned co-ordination of the CAA and Model Cities programs.

These guidelines, laid down by Washington officials of the Model Cities Administration and the Office of Economic Opportunity, were accepted unanimously by the Commission after presentation by Mr. Ellis.

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The new budget requests, due for inspection by Washington OEO officials within the next several weeks, reflect a $7.7 million increase over the 1969 appropriations.

However, the city's contribution is to be raised by only $31,572, from its present $1,078,215 level to $1,109,787.

The increase, if approved in Washington, will boost the CAA's budget from its 1969 level of $14,118,204 to a new high of $21,888,769.

Part of this increase will go toward the 310 new salaried positions to be created by the expansion of existing programs and the creation of new ones.

However, Mr. Ellis pointed out, a large share of the $7.7 million increase will go to reimburse the CAA for programs begun during this present fiscal year which were approved too late for inclusion in the 1969 budget.

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Among the new programs is a $3.6 million comprehensive neighborhood health center, to be operated by Provident Hospital. All of the funds for this operation are to be provided by the federal and state governments.

Also to be funded through the CAA for the first time will be a combination recreation and training project for 500 boys between the ages of 9 and 17, living in the neighborhood of the Druid Hill Branch of the YWCA, at 1619 Druid Hill Ave.

In presenting the request for $190,000 in federal and state funds, John Henderson, executive director of the "Y", pointed out that the counselors in the recreation program will be inner-city youths in training as athletic counselors.

Also sponsored by the YMCA though for the first time with federal and state funds—is a tutoring program for remedial reading, math, and other elementary-level subjects for inner-city children.

This project, operating from the YWCA's Johns Hopkins University branch for the past several years without outside funding and with only volunteer tutors from the Hopkins community,

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Integration 'mandate' for firemen — Bascom

The Rev. Marion C. Bascom, a member of the three-man Fire Board, has called for a "sizable degree of visibility" of blacks in the city's Fire Department.

"I feel that I am under mandate from the mayor as well as the sizable minority that as a member of the Fire Board the department should integrate from top to bottom," the Rev. Mr. Bascom told the AFRO this week.

The Rev. Mr. Bascom said that he wanted to see full integration in the office force, communications department and the fire school.

"I won't be satisfied until this is solved," he declared. He said that he has received threatening phone calls since his announcement that he sought equal employment by the Fire Department.

The Fire Board voted Tuesday to suspend normal procedure and place a black fireman in the fire prevention bureau. The board also voted to immediately announce openings for the Fire School to include more black applicants.

The Rev. Mr. Bascom said that the Fire Department, with some 2,600 employees, had been hiring black firefighters for 16 years.

The all-white offices in the department are at fault, he said, and to all level-headed humanely concerned people." he stated.

"The time has come for the people to listen to us who talk reason, or they will have to listen to those who are violently militant.

"I'm saying that institu-

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Teachers to vote on contract-BTU

Baltimore teachers will decide the outcome of the contract conflict between the Baltimore Teachers Union and the school board, a BTU source announced yesterday.

"We're going to let the teachers vote on this by secret ballot, hopefully within the next week," Vincent Russell told the AFRO.

"The present proposals will be printed up and placed in the hands of all the teachers. Not just our executive council will make the decision."

There are indications, however, that the City Council may not approve the contract, regardless of the teachers' vote.

However, Dr. Emerson Julian, 4th District Councilman, told the AFRO that he objects to one of the points in the contract that provides teachers with a comprehensive health plan costing each teacher $50.

"They're going to open a Pandora's Box. Every other city employee will want the same thing," said Dr. Julian. He called the plan "periferal and far away from teaching."

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Republicans hold bill on appointments

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — Vastly-outnumbered Republicans in the Senate used a parliamentary procedure Thursday afternoon to delay movement of the bill which would authorize Gov. Marvin Mandel to make Election Board and other appointments in Baltimore and the 23 counties.

Sen. J. Joseph Curran Jr. (3rd, Balto.), chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee, brought the SB 137 with a favorable report, to the surprise of no one.

Sen. Edward T. Hall (Anne Arundel, Calvert) Republican minority floor leader, after 44 minutes of delaying oratory by himself and his colleagues moved that the bill lay over under the rules until today (Friday).

The motion is not debatable.

The bill came in with a Constitutional okay by the Attorney General's Office.

During the lengthy debate, the favorable report was accepted by a 30-4 vote strictly on party lines.

Passage of the bill, labeled an emergency measure, will allow Gov. Mandel to make his "green bag" appointments by Feb. 13 or 14, within the Constitutional limit of 30 days after the session opens.

The bill merely changes the definition of majority party from a governor that had been elected in a general election to an incumbent governor.

Sen. Harry J. McGuirk (D., 6th, Balto.) gave the best explanation for need of the bill on the floor with this statement:

"The only reason this bill came up is because the chief elephant (Spiro T. Agnew) packed his trunk and moved to Washington."

In other Assembly action, Del. Troy Brailey (D., 4th, Balto.) was named vice chairman of the sub-committee on the Executive branch of the House committee on Constitution and Administration. The appointment was made by House Speaker Thomas Hunter Lowe.

Other sub-committees of the main committee are on the legislative and judicial branches.

Governor to name black aides soon

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — The long pending appointments by Governor Marvin Mandel from the black community are about to materialize, according to an announcement here Thursday.

Speculation has been high as to when and who would be the initial appointees to top-level staff posts in the new governor's office.

Governor Mandel settled to some extent some of the speculation Thursday with this explanatory statement:

"Within the next two or three days, I will announce the appointment of the first of several black citizens who will serve on my personal staff.

"Unfortunately, I cannot reveal the name of my first appointee at this time, because there are still a few minor personal details to be worked out.

"But let me assure the citizens of the black community that I am considering all recommendations and I am interested only in those who will best represent their interests in my office."

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It is understood from reliable sources that Gov. Mandel is considering reappointing Dr. Gilbert Ware and naming Deputy U.S. Attorney Arthur G. Murphy Jr. to his personal staff.

Several others were reported under consideration by the Governor, but their names were not available.

Dr. Ware, a product of Morgan, State and Princeton University, was appointed by former governor Spiro T. Agnew to his staff as a human relations aide.

However, Dr. Ware resigned shortly after the April civil disorders in Baltimore, charging a lack of communication with the governor.

It has been reported that Dr. Ware, now with a Federally-supported institute in Washington, would like to return to the Maryland government scene.

School Board minutes behind four months

The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners regularly releases its minutes three and four months after a meeting.

This was noted Jan. 23rd when one of the actions taken at the 13-minute open meeting was the approval of the minutes.

Date of the minutes acted on was September 25, 1968.

Francis D. Murnaghan Jr., School Board president, told the AFRO: "All minutes are prepared and then printed.

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Correction

In a year-end review story published in this newspaper on January 28, it was incorrectly stated that Mrs. Emma Collier Black died in June 1967. Mrs. Black is very much alive and a teacher at Baltimore's School No. 101. The news item should have referred to the death of her mother, Mrs. Laura Gilles Collier. The AFRO regrets the error.

'THAT'S ALL HE HAD TIME TO SAY':

Smothers brothers escape injury in Enterprise blast

"Ledell had called that Sunday and told me they had just arrived in Hawaii. I knew they were on the Enterprise so when I heard about the fire, I was very worried.

"The Navy Department got in touch with me and told me they were alright.

"Then Ledell called and he just told me that he was okay and Stephen wasn't hurt. That's all he had time to say."

This is how Mrs. Doris Smothers of Baltimore described her anxiety and relief in learning the fate of her two sons.

Ledell, 21, and Stephen, 19, who were crewmen aboard the aircraft carrier, the USS Enterprise in Pearl Harbor when it was rocked by a series of explosions on January 14.

At the time of the explosion, Ledell was beneath the flight deck.

"I ran up the flight deck and saw flames rising on the stern," he said.

He ran for a fire hose and saw a friend who had been hit on the side of the head. He took the injured man to an aid station then rushed back to his emergency station to help fight the fire.

Stephen reported that it was several hours before the brothers found each other and taped a telephone message to their mother, who lives at 2522 Salerno Pl., Westport.

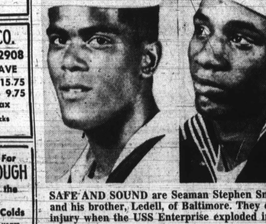
They are grandsons of the Milburn Matthews of Fulton Ave. in Baltimore.

Ledell and Stephen are still in Pearl Harbor, Mrs. Smothers said, and both will be out of the service in 1970. Ledell, has been in the Navy two years and Stephen six months.

The older brother enlisted when he was graduated from the old Vocational School No. 452. Stephen was graduated from Baltimore City College in June, and joined his brother in the Navy.

Mrs. Smothers said Stephen "joined because his brother had ..., and I think he requested to be with his brother on the Enterprise."

Mrs. Smothers and her husband, Louis Smothers have five other children, Larry, 22; Ervin, 16; Ronald, 15; Lucretia, 12, and Susan, 11.



SAFE AND SOUND are Seaman Stephen Smothers and his brother, Ledell, of Baltimore. They escaped injury when the USS Enterprise exploded in Pearl Harbor.

Morgan proposal may be budgeted

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — The move to expand Morgan State College into a university was given impetus Tuesday by Gov. Marvin Mandel.

The Governor has asked Dr. G. Russell Tatum, chairman, Advisory Council on Higher Education, for a report on the proposal of Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan president, concerning the future development of Morgan.

Gov. Mandel told Dr. Tatum:

"Since some of Dr. Jenkins' suggestions would have a bearing on the budget for fiscal 1971, I am requesting that you let me have the Council's report

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Simms first to run for steel union post

Leander Simms, a 48-year-old veteran union man is currently on the campaign road hoping to capture the office of director of District Eight of the United Steel Workers Union of America.

Mr. Simms' candidacy marks a milestone because it is the first time in union history a colored man has run for office on the policy making level of the union.

"I chose to run in the campaign," Mr. Simms told the AFRO, "for the simple reason that I believe I'm the best man for the job."

Candidate Simms' platform is based chiefly on his performance record.

Some 15 years ago he was instrumental in organizing the union at Crown Cork and Seal Co., Inc.

For several years Mr. Simms served as shop steward for local No. 526.

He served on the Compensation Committee as chairman and later on the Insurance and Pension Committee.

In 1960 he was elected as staff representative to the international steel workers union and in 1968 he became the assistant director for District Eight which includes Baltimore and the entire state of Maryland.

Mr. Simms is running on the same ticket as incumbent national president of the steel workers, I. W. Abel.

Elections will be held Feb. 11.

Mr. Simms and his wife Gwendolyn live in Baltimore and have four children, Barry, Joyce, Gregory and Karen.

OIC schedules reorganization of directors

An OIC Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 3 as a result of recent consultations between James Brewer, OIC Regional Director and the Rev. Sydney Daniels, president of the Baltimore Board.

The purpose of the meeting according to a news release issued by Rev. John Harfmann, board secretary, is to reorganize and expand the present Board of Directors.

The move is being spurred by the conflict within the Baltimore chapter which arose from the dismissal of John Holt as executive director some months ago.

Under orders of the national institute made in late December, the local unit is obliged to "make signifi-

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Black Panthers Tell It To AFRO Like It Is

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Murphy Now Mandel's Top Aide

Panthers here chart resistance

By ADAM KLINE

"We want freedom; we want power to determine the destiny of our black communities . . ."

So begins the Ten Point program of the Black Panther Party, a program that also includes full employment, decent housing, meaningful education for black school children, an end to the exploitation of black ghetto-dwellers by white store-owners and businessmen, an end to police brutality, a non-discriminatory jury system and the withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam.

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The Black Panthers, a militant political organization operating on a nation-wide scale, has its new Baltimore headquarters in a former CAA office in a three-story brick row-house at 924 E. Eager St.

Former headquarters for the two-year-old group had been in the 1200 block N. Eden St. However, the group moved into the larger office the past week, due to the need for more classroom space for planned political education classes.

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In the course of working toward the goals named in the Ten Points, the Panthers have long advocated working in alliance with white radical groups, and are presently considering ties with the Peace and Freedom Party of Maryland.

But unlike their predecessors in the "civil rights" movement, the Panthers' purpose is not simply to awaken the conscience of Americans in general, but to awaken the latent political and economic power of black Americans in particular.

Political power, rather than "good will," they say,

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ALSO BLACK POWER ADVOCATE—Sister Mary Paraclete stands at the entrance of St. Frances Academy where she has been principal for two years. About black power she says, "We've just found a name for what we've been doing all these years."

Governor meets with students

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS—"We were very impressed with Governor Mandel and his open door policy. With this attitude of the governor, we will never see anything like the student uprising in San Francisco."

Kenneth Brown, of the office, was commenting National NAACP student Thursday afternoon following a meeting with Gov. Marvin Mandel and a delegation from Maryland's four black colleges.

The colleges are Morgan, Coppin, Bowie, and Maryland State.

Mr. Brown said the meeting had centered around more financial aid for the colleges, primarily in the area of capital improvements.

"They can cut some of the swimming pools at the University of Maryland and shift more attention to the needs of black colleges," he stated.

Gov. Mandel, who met with newsmen and the delegation's leaders after the lengthy conference, said he would direct as much aid as possible to the schools.

Samuel Lloyd, president of Student Government at Morgan, told the AFRO: "We will just have to wait a couple weeks and see what is in the governor's tax program. I will be convinced when he puts in a substantial increase for the colleges."

Mr. Lloyd said the Agnew

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Who should win spot on AFRO Honor Roll?

Is there a parent in Baltimore who has singlehandedly inspired her children to achieve excellence in school?

Is there a community-minded businessman who has built a thriving future for others through persistence and hard work?

Is there an ex-convict who has rehabilitated his life and dedicated himself to others?

What about a neighbor who has displayed unusual courage in the face of poverty, oppression, danger, and tragedy?

And, isn't there a public official who has demonstrated he or she is really responsive to and responsible for the welfare of the public?

The AFRO again this year wants its readers to help find the extraordinary people who are among us, either individuals or organizations.

Superlative service which is a credit to community and the city is the only criterion for nominations and selections.

AFRO readers are asked to submit names of people and groups.

Address your entry to AFRO Honor Roll, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

ARTHUR G. MURPHY

Murphy nod dims luster of minister

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — Governor Marvin Mandel has announced the appointment of Arthur G. Murphy Sr., deputy U.S. Attorney for Maryland, as his senior staff executive for Community Relations and the Administration of Justice.

Mr. Murphy is to join the governor's personal staff on or about March 3. His appointment has long been rumored and previously speculated upon in earlier editions of the AFRO.

Gov. Mandel has assigned Mr. Murphy to be his personal representative on the Maryland Crime Commission, established last year to meet requirements of the Federal "Safe Streets Act," and also to coordinate all phases of public and personal safety in Maryland.

Mr. Murphy will also be Gov. Mandel's personal representative in dealing with racial problems and relations around the state and with crime prevention.

This raises speculation as to what will be the exact duties of the Rev. James E. Thomas III, who was named earlier this week to the governor's personal staff as his human relations aide.

The Thomas appointment created considerable concern among city lawmakers who charged that he was out of step with the needs of the community. A delegation of Assembly members met with Gov. Mandel in an attempt to influence his appointment of somebody else in the human relations field.

Mr. Murphy's duties as spelled out by the governor clearly makes him the number one man in the human relations field.

"The state of Maryland, and my administration are indeed fortunate to acquire the services of Mr. Murphy," Gov. Mandel said.

"His brilliant record as deputy U.S. attorney for Maryland and his record of contributions to his community uniquely for the areas of responsibility I have assigned him."

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Wilkins hits Finch stand

NEW YORK — The decision of Robert Finch, new secretary of HEW, to postpone full enforcement of the Johnson Administration's order to deny federal funds to school districts not complying with desegregation rulings, was criticized last week by Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP.

The decision apparently "represents a concession to President Nixon's diehard Dixie supporters," Wilkins said in a statement released here Jan. 30.

Wilkins' statement followed Finch's announcement the previous day in Washington that the Nixon Administration had agreed to hold in escrow for 60 days federal funds for five Southern school districts.

Finch said that during the 60-day period, further efforts to negotiate acceptable desegregation plans would be made.

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Wilkins statement said the districts did not need another 60 days, "since they have been dodging compliance with the law for more than 14 years."

He added that the "the NAACP will do everything it can to have the Finch position reversed and to prevent it from setting a precedent."

In his annual report to the association Jan. 13, Wilkins said: "If there is one place where the new Nixon Administration must be watched like a hawk, it is on this issue of school desegregation. . ."

And in last week's statement, Wilkins said Finch's move had "confirmed the apprehension expressed by the NAACP and other civil rights forces."

Teenager bares jail escape plot

A lawyer said he will give a Federal Court jury evidence to prove that a teenage girl "leading a nefarious life" has put a prominent Avenue figure on the spot.

The attorney, Harold I. Glaser, also said in Federal Court Wednesday that the murder a few days ago of another Avenue figure, Robert "Bucky" Johnson, enters into the plot.

Mr. Glaser made the remarks at the opening of the Federal Court trial Wednesday for Walter "Gangster" Webster.

Mr. Webster, well-known on the Avenue is charged with plotting to effect the escape of a friend, Charles Francis Frazer, from the Baltimore County jail last November.

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The U.S. indictment claims he secreted four hacksaw blades in a new pair of shoes and caused the package to be delivered to Frazer at the jail.

The U.S. through its prosecutor, Stephen Shawe, also states Webster sent the package into the jail by a sixteen-year-old girl on Nov. 2, 1968 while he waited outside in a car.

However, Mr. Glaser who is defending Webster, told the jury, Webster did not get the girl to deliver the goods for him.

"It is a completely different story under a different set of circumstances and a different set of facts."

Terming the whole thing as "something you would not believe happens in real life," he said he intends to prove, "Walter Webster was set up as a Patsy to protect somebody else."

Continuing, he told the jury, "this girl, age 16, living with her paramour husband who was married to somebody else, engaged in a conspiracy to involve my client.

"His name she will herself admit from the witness stand is (or was) Robert "Bucky" Johnson.

"And by the way," Mr. Glaser asserted, "Bucky Johnson with whom she was living during the conspiracy was mysteriously shot and killed in the early part of January."

Further pointing his finger at the teenager, Mr. Glaser said he intends to show

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Nun who stayed for black power

chuckle

"I think you ought to stop taking sleeping pills every night," a doctor warned an aging star. "They're habit forming."

"Don't be a drip," she bridled. "I've been taking them every night now for twenty years, and they haven't become a habit yet!

ELDERLY MAN FROM EU BONG

Refugee: 'Biafrans have made them to have no bodies, arms and legs

By LILLIAN WIGGINS
AFRO Correspondent

UYO, Nigeria—A visit to the Red Cross sites here and in Itu revealed that units of the International Red Cross began moving out of the southeastern state last week.

Officials here have said that the food crisis has eased.

"We feel that the people of the area are well fed now and that the first emergency which brought us here is now over," said A. P. Chrome, an official of the German Red Cross.

Mr. Crome has been working with 12 teams consisting of 77 persons, in Uyo since November.

Like all other groups lending assistance during the emergency, Mr. Crome's group works under the umbrella of the International Red Cross.

The Red Cross official said his operation in the area would now be turned over to the Nigerian Red Cross.

During his stay, Mr.

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Nixon expected to create new agency for Agnew

WASHINGTON — According to White House sources, President Nixon is this week expected to name Vice President Agnew as head of a new agency.

The agency, to be called "Office of Intergovernmental Relations," will serve as a bridge between the White House, state and local governments.

Under the leadership of Agnew, the agency will deal with complaints by governors and mayors about various Federal programs.

In this new role, Agnew will have a professional staff of eight to ten specialists who will back his role as a federal ombudsman.

When officially created, the agency will attempt to cement the vice president's relations with major urban centers, state and local governments.

"We'll be the vehicle through which the cities and the counties and the states will make their feelings known," said an Agnew aide.

Teacher attacked in school; warrant out for girl, 16

Police issued a warrant yesterday (Thursday) for a 16-year-old girl accused of attacking and beating her ninth grade teacher Wednesday morning at Carver High School, No. 454.

Carver assistant principal, Cyrus Gibbs, told the AFRO that Mrs. Theresa Tutman a veteran 9th and 10th grade teacher, came to his office about 11 a.m. "battered and shaken up."

Mr. Marshall said Mrs. Tutman had sent the girl to his office "for disciplinary reasons and I had suspended the girl."

He said that according to Mrs. Tutman, the girl did not go home but returned to the classroom where the attack took place in front of the other students.

He recalled calling the police in the Western District at Mrs. Tutman's request.

The warrant charges the girl with assault. Mrs. Tutman was released from her duties at home Thursday and Friday. She is the sister of Milton Allen, the lawyer.

At her Forest Park Ave. home this morning (Friday), Mrs. Tutman was not well enough to talk with reporters.

Police had not made an arrest at AFRO presstime.

Sex now illegal as basis for job classified ads

WASHINGTON

The Federal Government Monday officially banished sex from the classified ads.

From now on, unless you want a bunny for your nightclub or a tackle for your football team, it's against the law to specify sex in job advertisements.

The U.S. Equal Employment-Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Monday printed in the Federal Register new guidelines barring sex discrimination in job advertising. The commission said the order is retroactive to Jan. 24, when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled the guidelines were illegal.

Under the guidelines, the placement of job advertisements under separate male and female column headings is against the law unless sex is a bonafide occupation qualification for the job.

Randy Hall set to open supermarket chain store

Randy Hall will open the first supermarket of the black-owned Ebon Supermarket chain at 1529 Harford Rd. on February 15.

Mr. Hall, a grocery owner since 1969, is the first of several local businessmen to negotiate and win approval of Small Business Administration financing of the proposed chain.

"The program began," and Mrs. Hall, "when I went to talk to two men who supervised B. Green Wholesalers' engineering program which was aimed at helping colored men set up their own stores."

All Mr. Hall really wanted, he said, was to get some ideas on how he could renovate the store he already owned at 200 N. Washington St.

"But they offered me the program they had been working on," he declared, "which would establish a chain of supermarkets in Baltimore, each owned by an individual operator and protected by a co-op of owners."

The grocery owner was sent to the Council of Equal Business Opportunity which advised and guided him through the legal maze of government funding and after about six months came up with a loan of about $78,000.

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Said Mr. Hall, "I now own two small grocery stores. The one on Washington St. and another at 1436 Holbrook St.

Both are small but the new supermarket will employ about 20 people and be as completely stocked as any major supermarket in the city."

Prior to going into the business Mr. Hall was an employee at Bethlehem Steel Co. for over eight years.

He and wife Mary live in the 1300 block with their three-year-old daugher Tammy.

RANDY HALL