Mandel appoints committee on aid to private school

Governor Marvin Mandel today approved a 17-member commission to study the broad area of state aid to non-public schools in Maryland, and designated Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, former president of the Johns Hopkins University, as its chairman.

The Governor also named Dr. Samuel Myers, president of Bowie State College as commission vice chairman.

To be called the Governors Commission to Study State Aid to Non-public Schools, the group of prominent Marylanders represents a wide range of religious faiths, the legal profession, education, labor, publishing and minority groups.

In naming the commission, Governor Mandel asked its members to examine in depth the entire area of church-state relations and to concentrate especially on the constitutional, philosophical and fiscal aspects of the possibility of the State giving financial aid to non-public schools.

Governor Mandel said the Eisenhower Commission would have its own staff and be given the funds necessary to conduct the study.

"I am pleased that a man of Dr. Eisenhower's abilities and energies was willing to undertake this crucial study," Governor Mandel said in announcing the appointment of the Commission.

"And I am equally as delighted that so many of Maryland's most outstanding citizens were eager to participate with him in working to solve one of this State's most vexing problems.

"All of those who have agreed to study the issue of State aid to non-public schools know that there is no easy answer, no simple solution to the problem.

"It will be a time-consuming and burdensome task, which makes it all the more gratifying to me that such outstanding persons were willing to devote their time to this study.

"We all know the tremendous burdens that many of Maryland's citizens are bearing by choosing to educate their children outside the State's public school system.

"Yet freedom of choice cannot be measured in terms of dollars alone, so we cannot plunge toward a solution blindly and without exploring the issue fully."

Dr. Eisenhower is presently chairman of the President's Commission on Violence, which was created by former President Lyndon B. Johnson following a week of racial violence in the nation's major cities last April after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Dr. Eisenhower is nearing completion of the Commission report, and is expected to begin the Maryland study about June 1.

Until then, Governor Mandel said, the commission will undertake preliminary organizational work that involves selecting staff and gathering documents.

Below is the list of Commission members:

Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, chairman; currently Chairman of the Presidents Commission on Violence and former President of the Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Samuel Myers, vice chairman; President, Bowie State College

Alfred E. Scanlan, Bethesda attorney and a Constitutional Convention delegate.

Dr. Furman Templeton, Director of the Baltimore Urban League and a member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Melvin Sykes, Baltimore attorney.

Lloyd L. Simpkins, Princess Anne attorney; former Secretary of State and chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Alan Wilner, member of the law firm of Venable, Baetjer and Howard, and former assistant attorney general for the State Department of Education.

William Walsh, Cumberland attorney.

Andrew M. Lewis, Director of Education and Secretary-Treasurer of the Maryland-D.C. Council, AFL-CIO.

Meyer Eisenberg, of Adelphi; Associate General Counsel for the Securities and Exchange Commission.

E. Clinton Bamberger, Jr., Baltimore attorney with the firm of Piper, Marbury.

Mrs. Mary Lou Friedman, Garret Park housewife.

Mrs. Mary Lous McNeal, Baltimore housewife.

Ralph Hostetter, publisher of the Cecil Whig and other Eastern Shore Newspapers.

James P. Silcher, State Budget Director.

Retired Circuit Court Judge John B. Gray, Jr., of Calvert County.

prominent Baltimore Tax Mannes F. Greenberg, a attorney.

Rent escrow faces rough House action

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — The House of Delegates gave approval Wednesday to a resolution designed to suggest more adequate protection to persons facing grand jury action in Baltimore City on criminal charges.

The resolution, sponsored by Dr. Lena K. Lee (D. 4th Balto.), asks that the state's attorney in that city assign a member of his staff to the grand jury to advise in criminal cases whether there exists probable cause to indict the defendant.

Mrs. Lee, an attorney, envisions such advice from a member of the state's attorney's staff to lay members of the grand jury as a buffer against many time-wasted trials, in cases where a defendant should not have been indicted.

In addition, she sees the resolution's suggestion affording a stronger measure of protection to the innocent in criminal cases.

Resolutions carry a force of weight, in that they voice the sentiments of approving state lawmakers, but are not enforceable to the extent of an amending law.

Community interest in an instance such as this, however, can bring about compliance.

Black culture bill advances

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS—Up for almost certain passage in these late hours of the General Assembly is that bill which would create a state Commission on Black History and Culture.

The SB 185 has been approved by the Senate and is now in the House of Delegates.

It would empower the governor to appoint a commission of seven members to take whatever steps necessary to collect and preserve historical materials dealing with black history and culture.

This commission would also be authorized to examine the possibilities of establishing a museum or center to hold such materials.

Bill provisions are that a preliminary report be made to the governor by the commission Oct. 1, and that the commission complete its work and cease to exist by April 1, 1970.

Sponsor of the bill is Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th Balto.).

Attorney's aid to city grand jurors suggested

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'Hamburger' bill gets late action

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ANNAPOLIS — That "hamburger bill" of Del. Troy Brailey (D. 4th Balto.) began to move in the House of Delegates Wednesday, after being bottled up in committees since its introduction Feb. 21.

It stirred some controversy, in that the HB 1079 would make it unlawful for stores or establishments to sell hamburger meat which contains more than 30 percent fat.

A big boost to the measure came this week in a letter from Dr. Robert E. Farber, Baltimore commissioner of health, to George L. Russell Jr., city solicitor.

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Dr. Farber wrote:

"Federal standards require that hamburger and ground beef contain less than 30 percent fat. When the shopper buys such beef in the store, he cannot tell simply by looking at it whether he is buying hamburger or ground beef.

"As a matter of fact, he cannot tell whether it is pure beef or contains another form of meat, such as veal, pork, etc.

"I would feel that any meats sold as hamburger or ground beef should be less than 30 percent fat."

Mr. Brailey charges that citizens, especially in underprivileged areas, are constantly victimized by sales of over 20 percent hamburger and ground beef meats.

His bill must clear the House and get Senate action for passage before the General Assembly adjourns Tuesday.

Housing bill near passage

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Under consideration by the House of Delegates during these late hours of the General Assembly is that Senate approved bill to establish a Maryland Housing and Community Development Authority to promote low and moderate income housing.

The SB 254 passed the Senate after Baltimore County senators tried unsuccessfully to exempt their county from the bill.

They argued that it carried urban renewal provisions which had been rejected by their constituents.

The Senate did cut, however, from $200,000 to $100,000 an appropriation to get the agency launched.

In essence, the bill provides that a comission of seven members be appointed by the governor with authority to develop and aid the financing of low and moderate income housing in needed areas throughout the state.

The measure is an administration proposal of Gov. Marvin Mandel.

Black lawmakers split on prayers

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Black lawmakers in the House of Delegates were split on the controversial bill passed then recalled and killed Tuesday, which would permit prayers in public schools.

On passage of the measure, only members of this delegation in the House to vote against it were Delegates Lena K. Lee and Calvin A. Douglass (both D. 4th Balto.) and Arthur A. King (D. Prince Georges).

Francis B. Burch, attorney general, had given an opinion in the lengthy debate over the bill that it was unconstitutional.

The House, however, passed it over strong objections primarily of its Jewish members.

These objections continued in such force Tuesday that the bill was recalled and killed by a voice vote.

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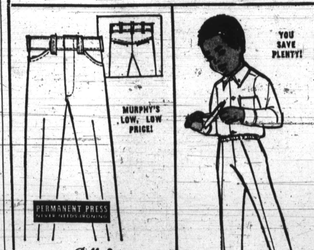

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If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

People, places and things

When your 13-year-old junior high school daughter comes home and announces, 'there was a meeting in school today, we can wear pants,' you look straight ahead and surprise her with:

"That's very good. We don't have to buy any Easter clothes or any more dresses. You can wear pants the rest of the year."

She had no ready answer for this surprise announcement, but she had to join her peers.

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Next day, sure enough, she wore pants to school, so did a number of her fellow students.

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But, the following day, she came down dressed for school in the usual skirt and sweater.

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Here follows our conversation:

Me: What happened to the pants?

She: I'm wearing a dress today.

Me: No more pants to school?

She: Yes, maybe a couple of days a week.

Me: Why the change?

She: When do we go Easter shopping?

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How-it-turned-out department: That Eastern High coed who was indefinitely suspended for nearly a month, has been enrolled in another high school.

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The YWCA officials who are smarting under our note here last week about the swimming pool, are cleaning their linen.

Staffers met this week to iron out any difficulties, hopefully to make it possible for all branch members to have use of the pool.

Last week, we mentioned that Madison Ave. YW members had to swim at the Druid Hill YMCA.

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Glad-you-are-better hellos to Mrs. Houston R. Jackson (Connie), She is in Bioplkins Hospital, much better after that ticker attack.

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Parren Mitchell, the Morgan State College sociology professor, is non-plussed about those false rumors of his illness.

He talked with this writer on Thursday, reports he feels fine.

He went to the hospital for a regular check-up. That's all. So glad it's nothing serious.

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Sunshine to Mrs. Daisy Taylor of Norwood Ave. She was admitted to Lutheran Hospital, (Room 163), Tuesday.

She is the mother of Mrs. Rebecca Taylor, Mrs. Bertha Porter, Louise Taylor (Fla.), George Taylor Jr., and Robert Taylor.

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Thinking-of-you cards to Dr. Shirley R. Clinton. He was in Philadelphia last week to bury his mother, Mrs. Hazel B. Clinton.

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Man on the move: Dr. Nick A. Ford, chairman of English Department at Morgan State College, lectured recently at Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, Mass., on "The Black Writer in America."

While in Pittsfield, Dr. Ford was honored at a reception and met with a selected group of students, faculty and staff to discuss integration of cultural into the Berkshire Community College curriculum...

Dr. Ford was also guest speaker at the Honors Day Program at Edmondson High School here in Baltimore.

More about people, things

Fashion show notes: Mrs. Ola C. Lewis of Fernhill Ave., is the stylist who presented that Beeline Fashion Show at the Madison Ave. YW a week back.

Models were Mesdames Eubelia Hairston, Josie Cruise, Candy Woinquist and Ruth Sampson, and Misses Barbara Oglesby, Yvette Chambers, Lynn Martin and Zina Crowner.

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Cuff Note: — Seniors graduating from Morgan State College this June paid $126 more to complete their senior year than they did for their freshman year.

When they entered Morgan in September 1965, tuition and other fees for Maryland students was $199. The cost year this went up to $225, then $250 and now $325.

With a little subtraction, the first year's increase was $26; the second $35; and the last was $75.

That $65 includes a $30 increase for student activities fees, and a $20 increase in fees for instructional materials.

This does not include the $300 more out-of-state students pay.

Any wonder parents of younger children shudder when they think of four years of college.

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More people remembering:— the Countee Cullen verses which appeared on the funeral program for Dr. Cecil Francis Gloster, were so appropriate.

Many will remember him as the kindly dentist who practiced for over 50 years in our midst (Dolphin near Druid Hill).

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The Countee Cullen lines are entitled, "Dear Friends and Gentle Hearts":

We open infant eyes
Of wonder and surprise
Upon a world all strange
and new,
Too vast to please our
childish view,
Yet love bends down and
trust imparts;
We gaze around
And know we've found
Dear friends and gentle
hearts;
Good-day, we smile, dear
friends and gentle hearts;
Good-day dear friends and
gentle hearts.
When on the western rim
Of time the sun grows dim,
And dimly on the closing
eye
Fadeth the earth, the sea,
the sky,
How blessedly this breath
departs
If it pass out
While watch about
Dear friends and gentle
hearts;
Good-night, we smile, dear
friends and gentle hearts;
Good-night, dear friends,
and gentle hearts,

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All offices of the Maryland Department of Employment Security will be closed Tuesday, March 25, Maryland Day, with the following exception:

In Baltimore, the Employment Services of the Concentrated Employment Program at Calvert Educational Center, North Ave. and Calvert St. will remain open to serve job applicants from the Target Area.

Local observance of National Boys' Club Week started March 16, 1969 at The Salvation Army Boys' Clubs of Baltimore, with an Indian Pageant on March 17, according to Gordon L. Eldredge, Boys' Club executive director.

Some of the major events planned for the week are: Indian Pageants, Open House, Talent Shows, Dog Show, Teenage Seminars and Physical Fitness Programs.

The clubs, located at 511 S. Clinton St., 1400 Fuselage Ave. and 215 N. Calhoun St., will welcome visitors all week 6-9 p.m.

TESTIMONIAL

Vocational principal looks back on 44 years' 'concern'

"There have been many rewarding experiences in the 44 years of my career, but the most enjoyable is the return of a former student who lets you know he's made good."

These words of Reuben F. Jones, recently retired from the public school system, reflect the kind of "concern" it takes to be principal of the three vocational schools.

He told the AFRO this week, "I feel good to know that by opening two general vocational schools I helped thousands of kids who would not otherwise have stayed in school."

"Now that I have retired," he continued, "I am going to take time out for my hobbies—gardening, fishing, and golfing. And I'm going to travel."

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Last Friday evening, faculty and staff of Carver Vocational-Technical High School, honored Mr. Jones for "outstanding service" He was principal of Carver When He retired this past January.

The affair was held at Emerald Gardens.

Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon, superintendent of schools, led the list of school officials who hailed Mr. Jones for his contributions to young people.

Miss Carrie A. Johnson, Carver vice principal, praised the honoree for his "administrative prowess."

William J. Hucksoll, director of vocational education and Mr. Charles Bowers, head of the science department at Booker T. Washington Jr. High School, recalled his skill and versatility.

Miss Ruth Fegley, executive director of Baltimore Fellowship, Inc., where Mr. Jones is a member of the board, hailed him for his "valuable part in community service."

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Mr. Jones received two engraved plaques. One from the members of Union Baptist Church, where he is a trustee. The other from Carver students.

Another gift was a purse given by personal donations of various school personnel and friends.

"This purse will be used to aid needy students for two new courses I instituted at Carver," he confided.

The courses are Electric Data Processing and Diesel Mchanics.

In accepting the gifts, he said sentimental thank yous "to all my friends."

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Mr. Jones, born in 1902 in Snow Hill, Md., graduated from Hampton Institute as a trained printer. He then went to Morgan State College to receive a B. S. degree in education.

He earned his master's degree at New York University.

In 1925, he began teaching at the old Carver, then the first "colored" vocational school, on Carey and Cumberland Sts.

He became principal of Joseph C. Briscoe General Vocational School No. 451 in 1945.

In 1949, he became principal of Charles H. Houston Jr. High School No. 181.

He arrived, finally, at the new Carver as principal in September 1964 and served there for three and one half years.

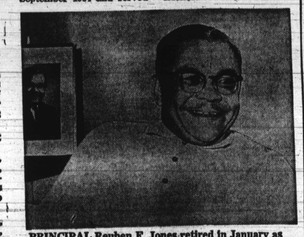
Among other guests at the banquet were Dr. Saul M. Perdue, assistent superintendent; Isaac Schkloven, supervisor of vocational education; Dr. Houston R. Jackson, retired assistent superintendent; and Henry C. Johnson, new Carver principal.

Other guests incuded, the Rev. Vernon N. Bobson, pastor of the Union Baptist; Miss Josie Smith, former supervisor of English at the new Carver; Mrs. Ida Berry, Carver counsellor; Mrs. Mattie Matthews, secretary from the original Carver; and more than 150 former co-workers and friends.

Mr. Jones' wife, Mrs. E. Romaine Jones, who was area director upon her retirement from the schools in September 1968, and their son, Reuben F., Jr., 19, were special guests.

The organizing committee for the banquet, headed by Luther Washington, included from Carver, Clyde Bryant, Mrs. Mildred Curtis, Mrs. Jessee Dawson, Linwood Jordon, Mrs. Geraldine Lawson, and Melvin Smith from School No 181.

Soloist was Miss Hannah Cooper, a senior at Carver and daughter of PTA president Mrs. June Cooper. She was accompained by Clarence Henderson of the Carver music faculty.



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