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BEATEN—(L) Brian Cooney, 13, of Phoenix, Md., was dragged across a road June 8 to a spot near the Armco plant where he was to meet his father and beaten badly. He is still in serious condition at Hopkins Hospital. A $500 reward has been offered by his father, Thomas Cooney, for information leading to the apprehension of his assailant. (R) Wanted for questioning by police is a young man who looks like this, according to a 12-year-old boy who was threatened by him March 12. Like Cooney, that boy was also dragged to a place near the Armco plant, but managed to escape. He described the man as being 18 to 22 years old, from 5'10" to 6'2" tall, neat in appearance, having a gold capped upper front tooth and a heavy scent of cologne or shaving lotion. Anyone having information about this man or the beating June 8 is asked to call Detective Wilhelm in Homicide, MU. 5-1600

## —Avenue pickets

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help feed and clothe the poor through donations of money, food and clothes to the churches . . . NOT to us."

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This is part of the program of the "Peoples Coalition for Survival" of citizens and their families in the Pennsylvania Ave. area where many white merchants have had business establishments many years.

The program was brought to the attention of the public last week when the supporters began a boycott and picketing at the J. J. Brills Supermarket.

The effort is 90 percent successful, leaders report.

The protestors are against "bad food," low-grade food at high prices and refusal of merchants to permit items to be exchanged or returned or refund of money.

The boycott slogan is: "We will continue to voice our people's misery, the misery we suffer as black people. Ain't we got a right to the Tree of Life?"

City Councilman Robert Marshall told the AFRO Thursday that he has investigated the alleged charges of merchants that the Coalition has been practicing extortion upon them.

Mr. Marshall states, "What I'm asking is an explanation, is there extortion or not."

He said when a group of police officials, two merchants and other persons met with him this week, he obtained no answers to his questions whatsoever.

Another leading Black spokesman termed the outcry of merchants as "a viscious, fabricated scheme to ultimately say to the white community that we should not have a black mayor in Baltimore."

A press release Thursday states, the experience of the Calvert Educational Center in its association with the J. J. Brill Co., 1803 Pennsylvania Ave., raises serious questions regarding the accuracy of charges that the owner of the market is unresponsive to the needs of the Black Community.

"Since September 1970 Mr. Kurland of the Brill Co. has helped to develop a better cashier-checker training program for our students, not only by his advice and continued interest, but also by allowing the school to give its students on-the-job training in his store using his registers, merchandise, cash and customers under the supervision of the school's instructor, Miss Mary A. Tobin.

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"This kind of cooperation between the business community and schools in training students for future jobs is a valuable and much needed asset for the schools involved.

"Mr. Kurland's generosity in this matter has been exceptional. Students trained in his store have gone on to work in supermarkets around the city, as well as for the J. J. Brill Co.

"Ninety percent of the cashier-checker students at the Calvert Education Center, the adult education center of the Baltimore City Public School System, are black."

## -D'Alesandro

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"Thank you" as he shakes their hands.

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Mayor D'Alesandro recalled his occasional encounters with handicapped graduates. He said he was especially sympathetic, when one student reached out with a hook to accept his diploma.

He said that he has gotten to expect such things, and "usually go on about my business."

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"When my father was mayor," he remembered, "I attended all the graduations. I never miss a graduation unless there is a conflict (two on the same night)."

The Mayor said that attending graduations is "not a chore" gut that he gets "charged-up" just being there.

"Others usually hand out diplomas by the row," he mused, "but I like to hand them out individually."

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Mayor D'Alesandro has been on a tight schedule recently, commuting back and forth between graduations and the Mayors' Conference in Philadelphia.

"It knocked the hell out of me," he exclaimed. "But it was worth it."

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