—VD epidemic high

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Mental Hygiene to review problems of venereal diseases and to present within six months recommendations for prevention and control of these diseases.

At a press conference Monday, Dr. Neil Solomon, secretary of the Department, said gonorrhea is now Maryland's number one reported communicable disease.

Last year more than 15,000 cases were reported. About 30 per cent of the cases involved teenagers of 15 or 16.

He stated that within the same period, there were 441 cases of infectious syphilis reported. It is estimated that only 20 per cent of gonorrhea cases and 65 syphilis cases are ever reported.

Dr. Solomon explained that in the past lack of funds has been the cause of ineffective operational activity against the diseases.

At present the control program has over $1½ million in both manpower and equipment. It is expected that the program will seek both state and federal aid in the coming year to strengthen its financial position.

Dr. Solomon told a questioner, the disease does not affect people in one racial group. It affects both the affluent in the suburbs as well as those in the center of the city.

Heading up the task force is Dr. John C. Hume, dean of the School of Hygiene of Johns Hopkins University. The 24-member task force includes physicians, county health officers, legislators, members of PTA and service clubs, along with college and high school students.

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The Drama Department of Bowie State College will present three free one-act plays December 8, 9, and 11 at 8 p.m., in the college auditorium, Robinson Hall. The public is invited.

2 mechanics win $42,000 from city

SAN JOSE, CALIF. (UPI) —The mayor, police chief and city council of Sand City have been ordered to pay $42,000 in damages to two black mechanics they drove out of business.

A six-member federal court jury unanimously agreed that the town officials share in paying the judgment to Melvin Williams, 36, and Brady Avery, 48, who operated a shop in the tiny central California coastal community in 1968.

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The two mechanics contended during the civil rights trial that the city put up "no parking" sign in front of their shop that was so strictly enforced by Police Chief Frank Zabrowski that it was impossible for prospective customers to stop there.

Their attorneys argued that the parking ordinanace was drawn up in such a way as to only affect the repair shop which the two men operated.

The shop eventually closed and the two men left the city of 681 persons. They originally asked $110,000 damages. The award included $32,000 actual damages and $10,000 punitive damages.

—Rep. Mitchell

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program.

Later that day, Tennessee Corrections Commissioner Mark Luttrell announced the removal of the reform group because other prisoners claimed to have been threatened for not joining the reformers.

Luttrell, however, admitted that no assaults or attmepted assaults had been reported in regards to this situation.

James Dawson, an instructor at Fisk University, is credited with alerting the Black Caucus and said prisoners have been unable "to utilize prison channels in order to get their grievances redressed."

Also supporting the reform group have been representatives from Meharry Medical College, the student governments of Fisk University and Vanderbilt University, and the students and faculty of Tennessee State University.

Among the grievances listed by the reform group are: the lack of a licensed doctor throughout the day; meager wages for prison work while commissary prices are steep; and unsanitary conditions in the preparation of food.

The activist group wanted the end of mail censorship, "Kangaroo disciplinary courts," and the encouragement of homosexuality by prison officials.

"We want an end to the hiring of unqualified guards who are not capable or mentally equipped to successfully carry out the functions of the jobs without causing incidents. Also we want those now working who lack the proper qualifications to be dismissed," wrote the reformers.

"For too long prisons have assumed the responsibility of degrading a man and stripping him of his dignity and self-respect, with no regards to the lasting effect this will have upon us when we re-enter society," stated the reform group.

Thanksgiving death 'justifiable homicide'

"He had quit school when our father died in 1969 and he had been helping my mother. . .just this week, he had gotten the bills paid and for the first time was back on his feet. .he had been laid off from Bethlehem Steel and they had called him back. .he was due to go back Friday. . ."

Ronald Williams, 4000 block Annelien Rd., was talking about his brother, Glenn Horace Williams Jr., 20, who died of a gunshot wound early Thanksgiving Day.

Charged in his death was his uncle, Oscar Crawford, 57, 600 block Linnard St.

At a hearing this morning (Friday), the court dismissed the charges and ruled justifiable homicide thus freeing Mr. Crawford of all blame.

The younger Md. Williams told the AFRO that it was not true that his brother asd uncle argued over a Thanksgiving turkey as published in other news media.

What happened, he said, was that his brother had been staying off and on at the Linnard St. home of his uncle and his aunt, Mrs. Eloise Crawford. Some money belonging to him was missing and he questioned relatives. An argument ensued.

The dead youth who had changed his name to James Cole, at one time attended Forest Park High and was an AFRO sews carried. His father, Glen Williams Sr., was an A and W Garage employee, died in September, 1969.

In addition to his uncle an aunt and the brother, Ronald, the Williams youth is survived by his wife, Mrs. Judith Jackson Williams; his mother, Mrs. Augusta Williams; brothers, Victor, 10; Dwayne, 8; Ramone, 3; sisters, Glenda, 18; Rhonda, 16; Victoria, 5; a nephew, Gregory, 18 months.

Also, his maternal grandfather, Thomas Ryan, also of Annelien Rd., and his paternal grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. James Williams of N.C.

And, aunts, Mrs. Margaret Atkins, and Mrs. Ruth Nance of Baltimore; and Mrs. Mary Brown, Atlanta.

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-The marine

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Mrs. Doris A. Dowery his second wife.

According to evidence, Mr. Dowery married Mrs. Doris A. (Campbell) Dowery in Washington in June 1965 without obtaining a divorce from his first wife, Mrs. Isabella A. Dowery.

Mr. Dowery, as evidence showed, was finally granted a divorce from his first wife, Mrs. Isabella A. (Duppins) Dowery in March 1971.

According to the second Mrs. Dowery, "I left after I found out what was going on, after I found out he was married."

Mrs. Doris Dowery, who did not disclose how she learned of her husband's first marriage, stated they lived as husband and wife in Baltimore at 1600 block Gwynns Falls Pkwy. address for three years before she left.

The second Mrs. Dowery also stated her husband had denied prior to their wedding that he ahd been married before.

The complainant told the court she did not know her husband's present address or his present occupation.

Under the order of the court, Mr. Dowery is to pay general child support. Mrs. Doris Dowery also reserved her right to future alimony.

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—Minister's son

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which would "wipe the slate clean" for the first time offender, because of "peculiar facts" in the case.

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According to Mr. Franklin, he met Officer John Price of Washington last year and recognized him as a friend from high school days 10 years ago in North Carolina.

However, the defendant testified, Officer Price used a false name (Reggie) and stated he had recently returned from Vietnam where he had acquired a drug habit.

Mr. Franklin, who holds several degrees in economics and is presently a doctoral candidate, also testified the undercover policeman "pressured" him into purchasing drugs for him.

According to Mr. Franklin, he purchased hashish valued at $100 which he sold to Officer Price. According to the defendant, he "brought it for "Reggie."

Mr. Franklin stated Officer Price picked up the hashish but reportedly left some in his apartment and returned later on Dec. 7 last year, with a search warrant and arrested the defendant.

Defense Attorney Gibson contended, "Mr. Franklin" who lost his job, is a young man whose reputation locally has been destroyed by the incident. Justice has been served."

O. ST. CLAIR FRANKLIN JR. pleads guilty

However, Judge Murphy stated, "I feel very sympathetic to this young man, but for a man if his intelligence and educational background, I can't understand it."

Mr. Franklin is presently a doctoral candidate in African Studies at Oxford University in London.

He earned a M.A. degree in African economics at Edinburgh University.

Mr. Franklin completed undergraduate work at Lincoln University, where he graduated with honors with a B.A. degree in economics.

Mrs. Ada Cooper dies; was wife of attorney

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Cheatham Cooper, 55, wife of Leroy A. Cooper, Baltimore attorney, were held Monday at Shalom Baptist Church in her native Newport News, Va.

Mrs. Cooper died Nov. 18 in a Richmond hospital. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cheatham who survive, Mrs. Cooper was reared in Newport News.

She attended Va. State College and the St. Paul Institute of Nursing in Baltimore.

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Reared in First Baptist Church in Newport News, she joined Madison Ave Presbyterian Church when she moved to Baltimoae as a young woman. At the time of her death she was a member of the deaconess board.

Known as a good neighbor, Mrs. Cooper was member of Calvary Chapter No. 17, Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation.

She frequently served as and election judge and campaigned for candidates in the Fourth District where she lived.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by a brother, Robert V. Cheatham; a niece, Mrs. L. Annette Shanklin; and a newphew, Stephen V. Cheatham. New Haven, Conn.

Loss of power seen in new Council deals

Incoming City Council President Walter Orlinsky's plan to reduce from 18 to 3 the number of committee chairmanships could mean that black members will find their influence lessened despite an election gain.

When there were but four black councilmen, Robert Douglas, 2nd, chaired the ways and means committee; Dr. Emerson R. Julian, 4th, health; Mrs. Victorine Q. Alams, 4th, housing; and Robert Marshal, 4th, who died unexpectedly on Wednesday, headed the transportation committee.

Now, with five members, none of the returnees, Dr. Julian, Mrs. Adams or Douglass, nor either of the two newcomers, Clarence (Du) Burns, 2nd, or Mrs. Mary Adams, 4th, is expected to be named a committee chairman by Orlinsky.

The three committees, Orlinsky says, will be Budget and Finance, Judiciary and Urban Affairs.

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If Orlinsky bypasses all the blacks in naming chairmanships and the Council vice presidency goes to a white member, blacks could be shut out of every top city government slot for the first time in four years.

Mayor-elect Donald Schaefer still has not indicated his choice of city solicitor or public works director but Orlinsky definitely has given the impression that council conservatives will head at least two of his three committees.

On looking at the way things were shaping up, Dr. Julian declared, "This could set us back even as our numbers increase in the City Council and in the population ratio.

"Those who have been viewing the incoming Council as more moderate may be in for a disappointment. To me it looks pretty much like business as usual."

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The Rev. Channing Phillips will lecture on "Community Power Structure" at 11 today in McKeldin Gymnasium, Bowie State College. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Drive to honor Walter Carter gains support

Citizens United to Revitalize "E", Inc. official launching was represented by approximately 150 persons, from various church groups, boards, and residents of the community, supporting the drive to have North Avenue renamed after "Mr. Civil Rights", Walter P. Carter.

Among these representatives, were six speakers: Eugene Chase, Administrative Assistant, Policy Steering Board, Mrs. Daisy Bradford, Staff of Council"E", Mrs. Ernie Perdue, Reverend Revels, Rev. c. O. Brown, Father Hoffman, Mrs. Mary Chapell, and Irvin Conway, director of Citizens United to Revitalize "E", Inc.

Each speaker spoke highly of Walter Carter, as an outstanding soldier, among the Black People. His fighting for fair housing is one of the most memorable contributions. They also spoke of Walter often relating to the whites "What's really happening in the Ghetto"; and his fight to better the conditions for those povery stricken Blacks.

"There are many contributions that Walter Cartermade to the Black Society, that we today, cannot name them all; however, we must unite and struggle together, until a change comes. For it is felt, that having North Avenue renamed after Walter P. Carter, would express our appreciation and gratitude for his contributions to our society, "Director Conway declared.

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