Lawyer's letter on Del. Brailey Story

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Gentlemen:

This office represents Michael and Ellis Turk, owners of Warwick Liquors, with regard to the extremely unprofessional "news article" appearing on page 26 of your April 25, 1972 publication.

I am certain that you, upon re-reading the article as printed, can recognize the publication of libelous statements.

We call on you at this time to publish, in your next issue, a complete disclosure that the alleged threats either came from unknown persons or from known persons, stating all of their names and addresses. Your alternative would be to state that Delegate Troy Brailey reported this to your newspaper and that your newspaper has no actual knowledge of the truth or falsity of Mr. Brailey's statement.

A complete retraction of all insinuation and innuendo in your article is requested. As an alternative, please have your counsel communicate direct with this office.

We sincerely hope that this was nothing more than an error by either an inexperienced or inattentive Editor and that you will make the necessary corrections in your forthcoming issue. If not, we will then consider the intention of the newspaper to make these statements on its own accord.

Yours very truly,
Marvin H. Schein

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Del. Brailey threatened, car smashed

(Reprinted from afro April 25, 1972)

Delegate Troy Brailey and his son were threatened last Friday and woke up to find sometime during the night his car and his son's car had smashed-in back windows.

The threats came from unknown persons anagered about the neighborhood's protesting conditions around the site in the 1600 block Warwick Ave.

Del. Brailey states that the incidents came after the Friday afternoon order of the Liquor Board closing the Warwick Bar for 15 days beginning May 1.

According to records, the Liquor Board heard complaints Friday afternoon and ordered owners Michael and Ellis Turk to close and clean the bar up.

Some 30 homeowners and neighbors including the Braileys were there to hear police officers testify that a double shooting had occurred. The officers termed the place a "dope haven."

Del. Brailey said the outsiders, persons uttering threats after the hearing stated "Your homes will be burglarized." Police have set up surveillance in the area.

Firemen's veto of contract may lead to July strike

"The Mayor from what I understand refuses to negotiate any more," Edward Hectrotte, president of the Fire Fighters Union, told the AFRO on Tuesday.

He said union members on Sunday overwhelmingly voted to reject the contract offered to fire fighters by the impasse panel, chaired by Leon Sachs.

Unless the city's 1,800 fire fighters agree to a contract, said Mr. Hectrotte, there will be no contract after June 30 and "members could go on strike."

The rejected contract offered a 3 per cent pay hike,

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ALFRED E. PRETTYMAN

Publisher speaks Saturday

Alfred E. Prettyman, a Baltimorean, is one of the three black publishing firm owners in the nation and president of the Emerson Hall Publishers, N.Y.

Returning to his Baltimore home, he will be guest speaker for the Reviewers Club book and author luncheon at the

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U of Md. law students elected

History was made Monday, when black law students, Clifton S. Gordy, Jr. and Michael O. Ramsey, were elected president and vice -president of Maryland University Law School's Student Bar Association.

Mr. Gordy, a second year student, is the first to be elected president of the Student Bar Association. Mr. Ramsey, a first year student, is first to be elected as vice-president.

Casting their votes Monday (which symbolically enough was national Law Day) students gave Gordy a 80 vote margin victory. Ramsey narrowly beat his opponent by 3 votes.

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is the governing body for the 700 law students.

The president and vice-president are the highest executive officers.

In the powerful and prestigious positions, Mr. Gordy

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BLACK JAIL CAPTAINS

'Bring better rapport between inmates and staff'

Are the wives behind men in the news being consulted and listened to with increasing frequency by husbands who are making major decisions affecting the family?

This is the impression suggested by Mrs. Herbert B. Parker, wife of one of the two first black captains named Wednesday at the Baltimore City Jail.

"We had been discussing it," said Mrs. Parker, a teacher in the school system. "He took the test and was No. 1. We were very pleased."

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Apprehension for her husband's life as a jail officer during times of crisis has played a big role in the life of the family.

"Before he would come home," she said, "he would make sure he had completed everything that should have been done."

"Many times he felt things there were not fair, but he continued doing his job," she said proudly.

Captain Parker, who until his appointment Wednesday was a jail lieutenant. He has been at the jail for nine years and worked fulltime

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Absentee Ballot Information

WHO FILES ABSENTEE BALLOTS? Application for absentee ballots must be made by a qualified voter who applies in person or by mail 7 days before an election, i.e. May 9.

Registered voters can request an application for absentee ballot if they are:

Out of state on election day

more than 75 miles from their residence

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MRS. HUBERT H. HUMPHREY discusses her huband's presidential candidacy with AFRO reporter Kiser D. Barnes. Mrs. Humphrey campaigned in Maryland Wednesday and spoke for her husband at the Nurses Committee for Humphrey luncheon in the Pikesville Armory. (Photo by John Dorman.

Pre-primary victory celebration for P.J.

A "preliminary victory celebration" is being sponsored by the Congressman Parren Mitchell camp Saturday, May 13, as the campaign spirals to what is hoped will be an "election day blitz" Tuesday, May 16.

Danny Henson, a spokesman for the committee for the Re-Election of Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, said the rally would give everybody opportunity to contribute to and participate in the re-election of Maryland's first black Congressman".

"This is a people's campaign and it will be the people who will win or lose it," Henson said.

"Parren Mitchell has spoken for us for two years. Now its our turn to speak for ourselves with our votes and our support, and ensure that our voice is not lost in Congress", he said.

The affair is scheduled for 9 to 2 a.m. at the National Maritime Union Hall, 8 Broadway. Invitations are available with a $5 contribution at 1902 Ellamont St, (Phone 728-3400) or 703 N. Gay St., (phone 276-3034).

Congressman Mitchell on walking tour Sat.

Maryland's first black congressman Parren J. Mitchell will be on a Walking Tour throughout Baltimore Saturday May 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Accompanying Congressman Mitchell will be State Senator Clarence Blount, 5th District; Delegate Walter R. Dean Jr., and Delegate Kenneth L. Webster, all of the fifth district and members of Mitchell's Slate of Delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

The Walking Tour will go as follows:

START—Park Heights Avenue and Belvedere, Barber Shop (Belevedere Avenue) Sable Bar (Belvedere Avenue) Larry Dean's Record Shop (5100 Blk. Park Heights) Slaters

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Mrs. Humphrey stumps in Baltimore

Mrs. Muriel Humphrey wife of presidential candidate Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey was in town Thursday getting out the vote for her husband.

Rushing in from Ohio, where her husband narrowly won the state's primary, Mrs. Humphrey addressed 600 persons at a luncheon at the Pikesville Armory.

The affair was sponsored

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TWO-DAY HEARING . . .

Civil Rights Committee hears woes of other rights boards

The trouble with fighting racial discrimination in Baltimore's construction industry, said Sampson Green of the state Human Relations Commission, is "there is as much a problem with the enforcers (of equal employment opportunity) as with the noncompliers (law breakers)."

He made this statement before a hearing beginning on Thursday of the Maryland Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The committee called the two-day hearing (ending Friday) to hear a wide range of opinions on construction field job biases.

Mr. Green and David Glenn, director of the city Community Relations Commission, testified both commissions suffer from governments willing to increase commission responsibility but unwilling to increase the staffs to meet growing responsibilities.

As one committee member said, state and city fathers are willing to give the public the rhetoric of good intentions by passing anti-discrimination legislation but unwilling to provide the funds to turn those good intentions into good deeds.

Mr. Glenn said his commission next month will present to the Mayor a plan that would all but force contractors wishing to do business with the city to meet certain anti-discrimination standards like setting up extensive apprenticeship programs with high black enrollment.

He said he can foresee the city fathers passing such a plan but once again not providing necessary funds to enforce the plan.

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IN HIS HONOR — The Bureau of Recreation announced this week it will dedicate the new recreation center located at 2631 E. Fayette St. to Dr. Ralph J. Young (1903-1968). Ceremonies will take place on Thursday, May 18 at 7:30. The Mayor, members of the City Council, members of the Recreation and Parks Board, along with many community and civic leaders are expected to attend.

FUTURE IN DOUBT

Orchard-Biddle housing depends on George Romney

The appearance of Robert Embry, commissioner of Housing and Community Development, at a special meeting of the Orchard-Biddle PAC on Tuesday did not solve as many problems as PAC members hoped.

Mr. Embry said as yet he is unsure whether middle income housing units can even be built in the corridor area between Biddle St. and Orchard Ave.

On Friday, May 5, Commission Embry journeyed to Washington to disuade Secretary George Romeny of Housing and Urban Development from his current policy of not funding middle income housing in inner cities.

If he were unsuccessful, Mr. Embry said, the hopes for Orchard-Biddle would be dim.

The Commissioner said he agrees with Mr. Romney in wanting low income housing in Baltimore County instead of in the city but disagrees with middle income housing only in the county.

He said the city needs people in the $6,000 to $9,000 annual income bracket.

On other questions, there is an apparent misunderstanding between the PAC and Mr. Embry concerning the type of housing wanted.

PAC members were sur-

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Gadabouting in Baltimore

Town to hear Dorothy Manor, in exchange concert at Union

with Lula Mackay

Town folk will be privileged to hear Dorothy Manor Rooks, who, until she turned to assisting her husband, the Rev. Shelby Rooks of New York in religious works, was one of the country's top concert artists . . . and all for free!

Miss Manor will present the choir of St. James Presbyterian Church, New York City, in an operetta, "A Fisherman Called Peter" at Union Baptist Church, here, on May 23rd at four in the afternoon. Union Church, you probably know, has a policy of never charging for any performance in the church.

The St. James Choir comes on an exchange basis with the Union Baptist Church Choir which has been in operation for several years. Union Choir goes to New York on alternate years. And the whole project stems from a friendship between Miss Manor and Union member, Mrs. Catherine Adams. Their college days at Hampton Institute, in Virginia.

The local concert committee is making this a social event as well as a cultural one. The New Yorkers will arrive on Saturday around noon for rehearsal. Mrs. Margaret Jefferson and a commitee will entertain them, and about 100 guests, including members of Union Choir at dinner.

On Sunday the group will be guests of Mrs. Nola Chatmon and a committee, who will entertain at dinner in the Community Church's Community Center.

And other members are pitching in to enrich the performance. Mrs. Thelma Ashe and a committee will have charge of the patron list; George Riddick and his group are providing needed properties. Mrs. Myrtice Bennett and Miss Charlene Pressy and their committee as hostesses will welcome the guests and see to their comforts. Miss Ethel Hall and Mrs. Audrey Davs are in charge of the committee which is arranging housing in private homes; and Augustus Adair and his committee are spreading the news.

The concert s a part of the week of activities which will precede Women's Day at Union Church. Other activities include a Mother and Daughter Party on Thursday night, with a cultural arts evening being held at the same time. On Thursday, the 18th, scheduled is "Everybody's Birthday Party." Thursday, May 23, is Fun Night, when everyone is advised to "do his own thing."

Women's Day will be observed on May 28th.

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'Twas a complete surprise to Linda Young Fassett on Friday, when relatives and friends gathered at the Rosedale St. home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Young, to celebrate her birthday.

Guests had been notified to arrive for the surprise dinner party around 6:45 in order to be present when Linda came from school to pick up her children. She attends Coppin State College on Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. where she is working on her master's degree in Correctional Counseling.

Instead of picking up her children at the usual time, she decided to go a little shopping. She normally arrives at her mother-in-law's house around seven. Everyone was nervous and hungry when she finally arrived at her parents' home after receiving the message that the children were there.

About to enjoy the dinner, drinks and fun were, in addition to her parents:

Husband, Ronald; children, Ronald, Jr. and Lisa, Messrs. and Mesdames John (Cleanor) Greene, her grandparents, Billy and Denise Chappell, her brother-in-law and sister and their children, Jay and Jennifer;

Messrs. and Mesdames George Mann, Raymond Tilghman, Roy Clark, Freddie (Lorraine) Rathers, Lawrence (Loretta) Hughes, Jr., and Mr. A. Hamilton Young, all relatives of Linda's.

Friends invited were Messrs. and Mesdames Dwright (Brenda) Suith, Sartor, Edward (Maxine) Hurley, Robert G. (Mary) Brown, Roland (Janie) Wright, Conrad (Edna) Smith,

Mrs. Gwendolyn Seaborne, Linda's godmother, stopped by to wish her happy birthday and to leave a gift.

Add to other recebt delightful parties that given a Saturday ago by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith for their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George (Bernice) White.

The party took place at the lovely Harlem Avenue home of the Smiths.

Guests wined, dined, gifted, and toasted the honoree until wee hours of the morning.

They included Messrs. and Mesdames Clifford White, Clifton Shetrard, Milton White, Harry Carpenter, Paul Everett, Walker Evans, James Grant and Stanley Miles of Washington.

Mesdames Ayrie Waters, Myrtle Cole, Mildred Baskerville; Larry Lawrence and Joseph Russ.

The party, a Bon Voyage, preceded the Whites' sailing on the cruise ship, the M/S Skyward for Bermuda and Nassau. Sailing on the same cruiser were the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J.

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MISS PATRICIA LEE BROWN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Brown, was married to Robert Terrance Johnson in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Saturday. Mr. Johnson is son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Johnson. The couple was attended by Miss Elizabeth M. Alexander and Marvin S. Brown. A reception followed in Forest Manor. Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Forest Park High School and a student at Towson State College. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of St. Emma's Military Academy at Powhatan, Va.

MRS. JOHN B. WINSTON was, before her recent marriage, Miss Chestian Fay Washington.

Anniversary dinner for Mr., Mrs. Rayne

When Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rayne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Saturday, one of the events was a family dinner party given by her sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Brown, Miss Marina Snowden at their W. Lafayette Avenue home.

The honorees were toasted with champagne prior to dinner, and following were regaled with love songs of the '30's and '40's. The couple's grandchildren performed old dances, such as "The Charleston" and "Balling the Jacks" of the Raynes' young years, and brought them up to date with performances of mad modern numbers. 'Twas a fun-filled evening for all.

Present for the affair were Mrs. Ethel Wright, a bridesmaid at the Rayne wedding; Mrs. Minnie Davis, and Mrs. Virginia Mohamed, the Raynes' daughter;

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Also Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gilbert of Glassboro, N.J., Mrs. Mary Jenkins, Mrs. Dorothy Bowers of Philadelphia, all cousins; Mr. and Mrs. John Snowden, Mrs. Margaret Snowden, Miss Denise Snowden, Isaac Snowden, Houston Snowden; and the couple's grandchildren, Fatha, Donna and Sherri Mohamed.

Senior citizens have nature classes

The Lakeview Tower Senior Citizens Center sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation, is feating a Nature class each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Miss Elizabeth Clarke, supervisor of Nature for the Bureau, will conduct the classes which will include types of plants suitable to grow in the residents' apartments and a talk and slides on spring flowers. The last session will include a trip to Sherwood Gardens on May 10, at 1 p.m.

Miss Washington, John Winston wed

Miss Chestian Fay Washington, daughter of Mrs. David S. West and James Washington, was married to John B. Winston in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, recently.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Opher.

Fr. Harry Kuhn officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Organist was Clinton Cheeks.

Given in marriage by her stepfather, Mr. West, the bride wore a gown of ivory peau de soie, designed with a choir boy collar, long sleeves and an A-line skirt. The gown had a detachable chapel train. Her headpiece was a cluster of flowers made of the same material as the gown, the edges of the petals bordered with seed pearls, to which was attached a long veil. She carried a bouquet of white and yellow carnations and lillies.

She was attended by Miss Dana Merritt, whose ensemble was in pink and who carried pink and white carnations.

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Bridesmaids were Miss Jacqueline Coomb and Miss Naomi Gaither, both of whom wore ivory gowns with pink ribbons and carried pink and white carnations.

Dana Washington was flower girl. The ringbearer was Corlin Murray.

Arturo R. High was best man for Mr. Winston. Ushers were Victor Johnson and Princeton McCullian.

A reception for more than 100 guests was held at the Elegante Room following the wedding.

The newlyweds are at home on Penhurst Avenue.

THE ENGAGEMENT of Miss Martha Christine Linear to Joseph Richard Johnson has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Linear. Mr. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. McCauley Johnson of Chester, Md. The bride-elect, a graduate of Morgan State College, is currently teaching in the Baltimore Public Schools.

MR. AND MRS. RONALD RAYNE celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage, Saturday, at a dinner party given by her sister, Mrs. Rebecca Brown in Baltimore.

Girl Scouts to meet at U. of Md.

The Girl Scouts of Central Maryland will hold its annual meeting Sunday, from 2:30 to 7 p.m. in the Student Activities Building of the University of Md., Baltimore County Campus, 5401 Wilkens.

To add to the atmosphere of a spring Sunday evening, delegates and visitors will gather in their Area Association groups at the supper hour. Many will picnic out-doors as they discuss measures proposed during the afternoon session.

Members oft he Central Maryland Girl Scout Council will discuss and react to objectives and goals proposed for the 1972-73 program year by a special task force, then consider the plans suggested for achieving those goals.

The overriding aim is to provide the best possible program opportunities for girlsthroughout the Council in the light of current conditions.

The Council will also act upon recommendations to amend By-laws, primarily those dealing with opening Area Association membership to Senior Girl Scouts.

A major item of business before the meeting will be election of Maryland's delegates to the triennial National Convention of Girl Scouts, U.S.A., to be held in Dallas, in October.

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