—Registration

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enlisted to do so again.

"I am also confident that other churches will follow. While I speak for the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Baptist Minister's Conference, of which I am a member, has also endorsed the idea."

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After the vote, Mr. Donohue stated that "I hope church groups won't let Sunday registration fall on its face. Sunday registration has never been done before."

Delegate Lena K. Lee, Senator Clarence Blount, and Mrs. Jennie Jenkins of CAA led the discussion about the demand for deputized volunteers registering voters without the assistance of the Board.

Del. Lee, stating that voting was a right and not a privilege, said, "You have taken the right away from 100,000 and that right must be restored. Working people have it hard. You just don't sit there hemming and hawing. There are people who can man the stations and register voters."

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Mrs. Jenkins stated, "I can't understand how New York City can register voters outside department stores and we can't get enough places to register voters in our city."

Senator Blount, in answer to a charge that city senators were opposed to volunteers being used without the assistance of paid workers said:

"We are tired of city senators being used as a ploy. I am the chairman of the City Senators. At our last meeting with the Board we took no recorded vote, voice or otherwise.

"It (volunteer registrars) was discussed out of that you (the Board) received a FLAVOR of how SOME senators felt.

"The Board must make its own decision. The law charges this Board with the responsibility for voter registration. We all know you are subject to political pressure but you can act on this.

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Percy Davis, Board member, said he wanted to table the vote until he heard from the City Senators. Senator Blount answered, "I don't plan to call a meeting of the City Senators until January unless they ask me to."

George Minor, from Congressman Parren Mitchell's office, told the Board that in Montgomery County voter registration was held every Saturday in the shopping centers. The Board later came in for some praise from Mr. Minor who said, "This Board has been beautiful in comparison to past Boards, but it has a long way to go."

Also attending, in addition to Mr. Donahue, were Percy Davis (Democrat) who, after being asked by Mr. Donohue said he would be ready to vote in a week; Louis T. Ginski (Republican) who said he was only in favor of volunteers working under supervisor; and Frank J. McQuade, Chief Clerk. — F. Murphy

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—Liddie Jones

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to Randallstown and the same police knock on my door."

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When county police raided his Randallstown home in July and later charged Liddie with heroin dealing, Liddie claimed, "They stole some diamond rings and diamond watches worth $7,000 total and $900 from Brenda Pinkett" (who was arrested the same night in another county home owned by Liddie)

He also charge the police, who arrested Miss Pinkett, with breaking her arm and beating her and with stealing $100 from Mr. Strickland, who was arrested with Liddie.

He accused police of lying to a county judge by claiming he had $2 million in various city banks and therefore, forcing the judge to set a very high bail, $700,000.

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His only bank account, Liddie declares, has only $300 in it.

After Liddie escaped county jail, secured the legal assistance of well-known criminal lawyer F. Lee Bailey and then gave himself up to State Police, Liddie's bail was reduced to $200,000 (reliable sources say $14,000 cash).

Liddie, however, claimed, when he posted bail last Thursday, Judge John Rainer "let me out on my own recognizance on the first $100,000 and my friends, family and the Freedom Democrats helped post the other $100,000."

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With the help of Mr. Strickland and Mr. Stanback, who proclaimed himself head of a black rights group called Freedom Democratic Organization, Mr. Jones recalled for AFRO readers his last 1½ years of alleged police harassment.

In 1971, Mr. Strickland said, Liddie was released from Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary after serving six years on a narcotics conviction.

Liddie, in fact, admitted, "I used to be in the drug world. For the record, I don't sell no narcotics."

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While in prison, Mr. Strickland asserted, "Liddie became rehabilitated. He was fit to work and fit to be integrated into society."

Mr. Jones added, while in prison, his father left the family $40,000, which the family amassed into "a little real estate," a bar, a couple of houses and a construction company.

But, said Mr. Strickland, "When the police see Mr. Jones was a successful businessman, they assumed it was narcotics."

Mr. Stanback remarked in general, "Police harass young blacks from the age of 14 until you get cripple like myself or you get a jail record."

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Since his release from prison, Mr. Jones stated he has been arrested nine times for disorderly conduct by patrolmen who stop him "just driving on public streets."

Last June, Liddie claimed claimed he was in Criminal Court just witnessesing a case against one of his brothers when an officer "beat me with brass knuckles" and the officer afterwards.

As his own eye witness, Mr. Jones described his account of his July arrest in Randallstown.

He asserted Mr. Strickland and Kevin Darby were asleep in their bedrooms when "I looked out the window and saw cars coming down the drive with no lights on."

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Recognizing officers in the cars, Liddie stated he called his mother and, as police came to his door (with sledge hammers, he) opened the door but they still hit the door with hammers and pushed him down.

Mr. Jones said police found no narcotics in his Kittridge Ct. residence (police records agree) but "They took all my sister's and brother's receipts from their nightclubs."

He remarked that was the $21,000 police claim Liddie was counting out when they raided his home.

As to his arrest at the Civic Center, Mr. Strickland explained Liddie, his brother Robert, Miss Pinkett and her boyfriend, LeRoy Marks, and he were watching boxing matches.

Liddie recalled at intermission, he went to get a soda and on the way back to his seat a police sergeant and an officer, both of whom participated on the raids of Liddie and Miss Pinkett in July, approached him.

The sergeant, said Liddie, put his arm around Liddie's shoulder, so "I took his arm away and told the sergeant I appreciate you just don't mess with me' and the sergeant left."

Minutes later, Mr. Jones asserted, two officers who lied to the judge about me having $2 million started "joking" with him.

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"Look man," Liddie said he told them, "I don't want you to say nothing to me. You lied in court."

It was then Mr. Jones claimed he was arrested and held with three sets of handcuffs, as he showed the AFRO reporter scars on both wrists.

Mr. Jones, pointing to black and blue marks below his right eye and on his left cheek, accused one of the arresting officers with clubbing him with a blackjack.

Mr. Strickland declared he witnessed Mr. Marks and Miss Pinkett being arrested, saying the latter was beaten and marked on her face.

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He continued, he went to Central District and saw Liddie leaving in patrol car for Mercy Hospital and went there and was arrested for allegedly interfering with an arresting officer.

At 4:30 Thursday morning, Liddie stated he and his friends appeared at a bail hearing before a district court commissioner who set $7,500 on Mr. Strickland, $4,000 on Miss Pinkett and Mr. Marks, and $16,000 on Liddie.

Mr. Jones added, his friends spent the night in jail while his white bail bondsman friend, Fred Frank, "who understands black people's problems better than the average white bail bondsman," posted his bail.

(Read the AFRO for more of Liddie Jones' story next Week.)

City children at Aberdeen for day

For one short day in July, a group of underprivileged youths from Baltimore City traded the world of asphalt and row houses for one of green grass, fresh air and a melanie of fresh sights and sounds at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

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The kids were then driven to the tank park where they spent the next hour or so getting acquainted with U.S. Army tanks and howitzers.

The high point of the day followed, when a children's concert was given by the 324th Army Band.

The children had lunch and spent several hours in organized games of various types.

The day was then brought to a close for the group and they were returned to the city.

Patrolman's case to grand jury

Judge Jerome Diener of Southern District Court referred for grand jury hearing Thursday a case in which Southern District Patrolman Ronald L. Rottman is charged with arson.

The 37-year-old white patrolman was arrested June 18 in the 1800 block Boyd St. where another patrolman allegedly saw him running from a garage door in flames.

Patrolman William Willis told the court when the accused saw him he returned to the burning garage door and pulled some papers from the doorway.

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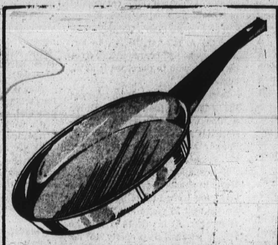

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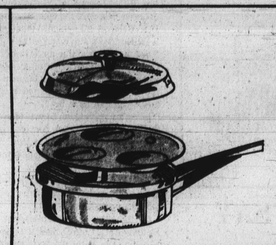

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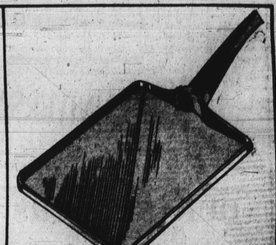

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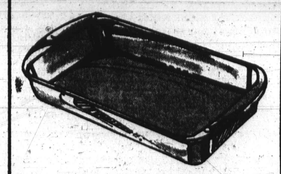

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