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Inmates' rights suit breaks, resumes Sept. 5

By M. BERNARDINE MYLES

Testimony was concluded Thursday in the first half of a federal court hearing on inmates' civil rights which began Tuesday before Judge James R. Miller.

The suit, which seeks mandatory legal counsel for inmates at prison disciplinary hearings on alleged participation in recent jail riots, will resume again Sept. 5.

Legal Aid attorneys, argue counsel should be provided to those inmates who may face criminal prosecution for participation in July 15 and July 17 riots at the House of Correction and Maryland Penitentiary.

Judge Miller told plaintiffs he will make an unannounced visit to the Maryland Penitentiary segregation wing before making a decision in the case.

According to the suit, overly severe punishments have been given to inmates at the prison hearings without due process of law.

Inmates were also denied guarantees against self-incrimination, plaintiffs charge.

Plaintiffs in the suit are Maryland Penitentiary inmates, Van Braxton, Charles Allen, Russell Black, Eric Campbell and House of Correction inmate, Vernon Smokey Butler.

Butler, 27, who is serving a 16-year term for armed robbery, has been the only plaintiff in the case to testify to date.

Butler said he was refused legal counsel at a July 21 institution hearing where he was later convicted of inciting to riot.

The plaintiff testified 20 prison guards attended his hearing wearing riot gear, helmets and sticks.

Butler stated he was convicted of the charges after prison officials refused to allow him to bring in seven alibi witnesses that he requested.

The inmate lost 480 days of good conduct time, was sentenced to one year in segregation and lost chances for an early parole, the court was told.

Judge Miller granted extension of a temporary restraining order Wednesday which prohibits trial of inmates who possibly face criminal charges without legal assistance.

Inmates have previously been allowed to choose another prisoner or jail official to represent them on house violation charges, the court was told.

Ellis R. Douglass, 29, a House of Correction inmate, testified he represented more than 75 inmates during prison disciplinary hearings in two years.

Douglass accused prison officials of convicting prisoners of the charges before the hearings began.

He stated inmates accused of prison violations were often tried with "their bags already packed" and waiting for their sentence to segregation for prison infractions.

The court was told that 93 out of 95 prison disciplinary hearings at the Maryland House of Correction dating from June 1, ended with guilty verdicts.

No inmate has ever been acquitted of all charges, according to statistics furnished by plaintiffs' attorneys.

Robert Lee Burrell, a prison hearing officer, admitted attending riots at the House of Correction and the penitentiary while they were in progress.

The officer also stated he later tried two dozen inmates on charges stemming from the riots.

Mr. Burrell's testimony came after Legal Aid attorney Michael Milleman asked his opinion of a 1971 federal court decision.

According to Mr. Milleman, the decision by Judge Roszel C. Thompson effectively prohibits a prison hearing officer from being both judge and prosecutor.

Burrell denied that an "atmosphere of hostility" existed during the hearings between inmates and guards.

Arthur Leroy Middleton, Jr., 35, a House of Correction inmate, later testified guards whistled "Taps" during a institution hearing against him April 4.

The inmate stated he was convicted on evidence presented by a prison official's report based upon a letter from Middleton's ex-wife.

Middleton stated the prison official refused to answer questions under cross-examination.

Middleton was convicted of being out of bounds from a work release program and possession of more than $15, both prison violations.

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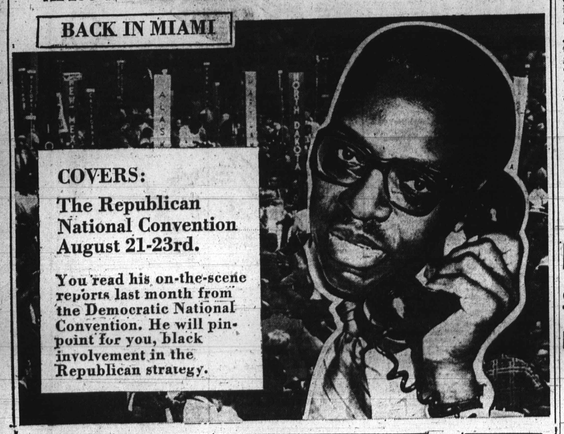

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House OKs stiff anti-bus measure

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House early today voted for strong new anti-busing restrictions, going one step further than President Nixon proposed but stopping just short of banning school racial busing of any sort.

The bill would require a court to first try a list of alternative methods of desegregating a school before it could order busing. If busing is ordered, as a last resort, students still could not be sent beyond the second nearest school to their home.

The effect of the measure would be to eliminate cross town busing to achieve school desegregation.

The measure, passed on a 232-102 roll call vote after a 13-hour session, went to the Senate where it faces its stiffest test.

Nixon had proposed that a "second nearest school" provision apply only to grade school pupils, but it was widened to cover all students in an amendment by Rep. Edith Green, D-Ore., which was approved on a 178-88 vote.

"The solution to this whole problem is for the house to instruct the Supreme Court to stop enforcing the 13th Amendment and return us to involuntary slavery," said Rep. William Clay, D-Mo.

"Maybe I am asking too much that this body be decent, honest and just," said Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-Baltimore.

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Inmate

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diction as "acting to ease racial tempers."

Insisting he does not mean there is a black officer or black secretary at every institution, Mr. Jordan points to black people in key positions, in policy making positions, at every correctional institution in the state.

The success to date of his programs he also attributes to the continued assistance and reassurance he receives from both the state legislature and Gov. Mandel and his office.

He revealed a recent visit to his home by the governor as "a vote of confidence which did more for my recuperation than anything else."

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Mr. Jordan remarked, "I'm a realist, first. Being black, I came up in a realistic world," as preface for his thoughts on rehabilitation.

He said he believes that there are "some that you can't rehabilitate." He continues, "In the prison system today, there are some you can't do anything for."

If the correctional authority can "promote change such that the person does not commit a crime again," Mr. Jordan contends, "we have done our jobs."

-Slain mother

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from her husband, George Williams, was kind to everyone and took a roomer in because of pity. However, according to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Revis, the roomer was asked to find somewhere else so that Mrs. Williams could have more space for her children.

The husband, a Whitelock St. resident, took charge of the funeral arrangements and has assumed care of the children along with other relatives.

Relatives reveal the roomer had been detained by police a few weeks before the incident.

He had been released on his own recognizance Aug. 4 and was due to appear in court Aug. 16.

Police records show Brown was arrested about 10 p.m. the night of the murder in a vacant house down the street from the assault.

Mrs. Williams was born in Norfolk, Va. July 7, 1929, daughter of Mrs. Daisy Venson and the late John Venson. Recently the family, all from Norfolk, held a celebration with five generations present.

-Human Rights—Route 1 murder

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asserted, "I suspect a snow job."

"I can safely say," he added, "if the situation is the same (by the next Commission meeting, Sept. 12) as it is now, I will make a motion that the Commission review the compliance of the United Fund."

Mr. Haysbert's United Fund statement also indicated, "The United Fund is prepared to continue its progress toward serving the total Central Maryland community and we regret the postponement of progress brought about by the failure of the Community Health Council to continue to participate in developing these programs for the United Fund."

Representatives from the Council and the Fund have met in several negotiations sessions since November until the Council walked out of the July meeting, saying the Fund has been unresponsive to Council demands.

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Dr. Eugene Byrd, chairman of the Council, told the AFRO he charges the United Fund with "attempting to deceive the public."

He stated the negotiations committee has been discussing Council demands presented at the committee's first meeting and not the Commission's recommendations.

"Rather than coming back to us to renew efforts for conciliation," Dr. Byrd pointed out, "they go back to a report issued last year (by the Commission)."

As to the Commission's report, he declared it was insufficient, saying, "I don't believe the staff of the Human Relations Commission carried out the instructions that the Commission gave them (about the Council complaint)."

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Dr. Byrd remarked the set of demands the Council wants the Fund to respond to are the same ones Mr. Haysbert wrote to the Council about on Dec. 30, 1971.

Mr. Haysbert wrote, said Dr. Byrd, the Fund negotiations committee "found no basic disagreements" with the Council demands of allocations based on need, more minority representation and an evaluation group to set up money priorities.

"All that is necessary," Dr. Byrd declared, "for them to do is center their attention on demands we made rather than the recommendations of the Human Relations Commission."

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mation whatsoever.

State police told the AFRO they suspect the incident is "drug oriented."

However city police officials state the victim was on their books as a "small dealer." They could not believe a small dealer would be killed in relation to drugs.

State troopers with K-9 units and helicopters held a 16-hour manhunt for the two suspects Wednesday but found no trace of them.

Police reveal they suspect the two men after shooting Mr. Taylor, threw him out of his car and stole his 1968 Oldsmobile.

At about 3:30 a.m., police claim, Mr. Taylor's stolen car seen running at a speed of about 90 miles per hour ran into two youngsters who were apparently out for a joyride.

The two who died on the spot were thrown several hundred feet along the Parkway by the impact of the speeding car.

They were identified as John L. O'Brien, 15, and William L. Jones, both of Laurel.

Police report James Kerney, 28, 1500 block W. Fayette St., and Threresa Backer, 25, 1800 block Monroe St., were arrested attempting to flee the scene of the car wreckage.

Police state both have been charged in the death of two young motorcyclists. However, police state they believe the two were not involved in the death of Mr. Taylor.

The couple, according to police, might have been picked up after Mr. Taylor had been slain and thrown out of the car.

The other wanted men, police say, fled the scene on foot after the incident.

The family of the deceased could not be reached for funeral arrangement. The funeral home which handled the body refused to give information, saying the family "may not like it."

-City adds

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black people and possibly all of them are men.

Four jobs in the Department of Planning will pay $1,226 for the two months, and 141 laboring jobs in the Departments of Recreation and Public Works will pay either $937, $1,007 or $1,046.

$254,000 TOO MUCH?

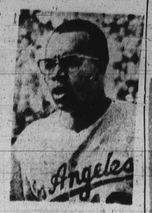
Representatives from Gamon-Calmet Industries before the Board of Estimates claimed the city in its contract with Neptune Meter Company will be spending an unnecessary $254,000.

The contract calls for installing 50,000 remote-reading water meters. Neptune bid $1.777 million while Gamon bid $1.5 million, but only Neptune bid on all the parts of the contract.

Gamon reps explained it does not make remote reading equipment but Neptune does. So Gamon bid only on the meters, saying the city could contract separately for the reading devices at a large savings.

Their claim was Neptune was charging the city $278,000 for devises that cost $24,000 for an unneeded cost of $254,000.

The Board, however, approved its contract with Neptune, saying Gamon waited too long to bring up this claimed discrepancy. Gamon could have bid on the entire contract and then bought the reading devices from Neptune.



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-Senate O.K.

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very dependent on the bill's enactment and at the same time reducing a possible $.65 property tax like down to $.20.

In expectation of the bill's passage, City Council cut the budgets of those city departments which could receive Revenue Sharing funds :City Jail, Police and Fire Departments.

But these possible cuts are said to be deceptive because $10 million in cuts, if they have to be made, would not be in those departmentsm The Department of Education would have to bare a large burden of such cutbacks.

White doctor poles apart from patient

A prominent black physician has warned the national medical establishment against "abstract science" and preoccupation with bureaucracy that ultimately lead doctors to the blind alley, thus ignoring the patient.

Dr. J. Tyson Tildon, a 41-year-old biochemist of the University of Maryland, stated unless the establishment takes into its fold the ignored black physician it stands in danger of public alienation.

Dr. Tildon was addressing Thursday members of the National Medical Association gathered in Kansas City for one-week annual convention.

He pointed out there was too much gap between the public and White medicine with its white medical schools, its spotless, unhuman laboratories and the clean, affluent suburbs.

He said the black doctor forced by necessity to deal with the people, keeps constant touch with those they are supposed to deal with.

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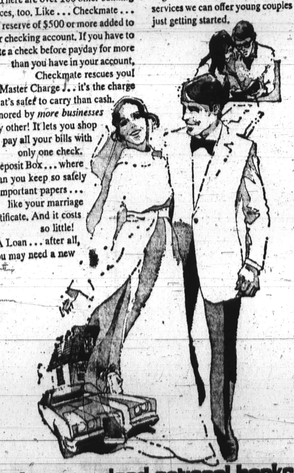

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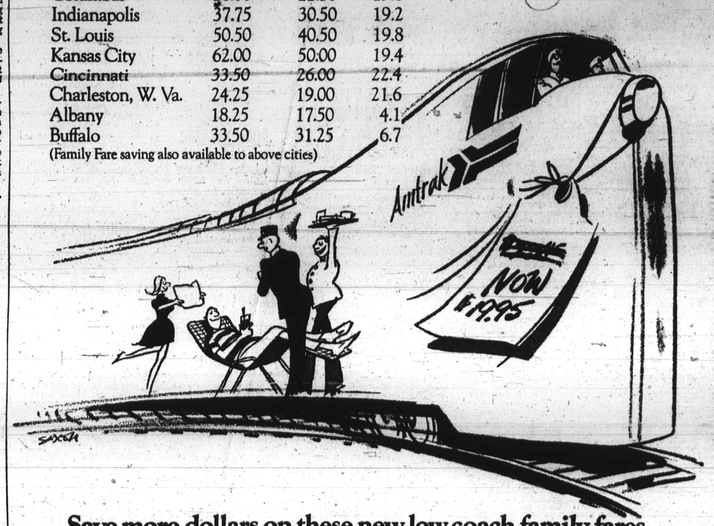

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