Mason to contest new HEW rules

State Social Services Director David T. Mason on Wednesday announced, if new federal government penalties are implemented, the state could lost $3 million because of the people, federal officials estimate, were overpaid or were ineligible to receive welfare in Maryland this past year.

To counter these new rules of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Mr. Mason declared he is consulting the Attorney General about possible court action against HEW.

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Citing the number of states preparing complaints, Mr. Mason remarked, Frankly, I can not conceive of them (HEW) implementing this regulation," and added he expects it withdrawn or modified within 20 days.

The new rules would have the state welfare system make zero mistakes in granting welfare or face a penalty. For the first half of this year a state survey pointed out 8.1 per cent of those given welfare were ineligible, 21.2 per cent were overpaid and 12.9 per cent were underpaid.

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These figures are over present HEW tolerance levels, and Mr. Mason assigns are over present HEW tolerance levels, and Mr. Mason assigns these levels to problem in the city welfare rolls, that received much publicity last winter.

Mr. Masin then announced a five step plan to lower welfare errors.

1) a 30-mn "flying squad" to go where large eligibility backups occur, 2) a new screening method to disclose undeclared sources of income of applicants, 3) spend $1.3 million for new computors, 4) keep separate the jobs of assessing eligibility and providing social services, and 5) create photo ID cards for recipients to guardagainst welfare check theft and possible fraud.

TB rate higher here

According to a report just released by the Maryland Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association (MTRDA), the incidence level of tuberculosis in the state is higher than in the rest of the country by about one-third, due mainly to the high rate in Baltimore City which is almost three times the national level.

The incidence rate for the counties of Maryland is lower than the national rate.

A comparison of the incidence of active tuberculosis showed Maryland with a rate of 21 per 100,000 population, to be 11th among the states, the national average being 17.1 per 100,000.

Among cities of 250,000 population, Baltimore was ranked third, after Newark and Honolulu, with a rating of 5.1 per 100,000.

The average 38 large cities was 31.2, according to the report.

MCSW wants DESS to improve

The Maryland Conference of Social Welfare has made a number of recommendations for the reorganization of the state Department of Employment and Social Services, such as that clients seeking social services should not be "steered" toward employment services instead.

The CSW endorses the multi-service center concept, which will allow many different social services to be housed under one roof, reducing the cost of overhead expenses.

"All levels of employees, including professionals, para-professionals and secretarial staff, must be sensitive to the needs of the client," the group stated.

MCSW further suggested that "there be a comprehensive eligibility process whereby the client need complete only one form to determine his eligibility for public assistance, food stamps and medical assistance."

The orientation of the multiservice centers should be to the family, MCSW feels.

In conclusion, the group asserted that there should be "Extended hours" of services at nights and on weekends in order to accommodate those who work."

Beau-Gents, Inc. contributes to Coppin State

The Coppin State College basketball team got a big boost fromt he Beau-Gents Inc., when they presented Director of Alumni Affairs Mrs. Barbara M. Lassiter with a contribution to Coppin's scholarship fund.

Addison Webster, Chairman of Civic Affairs for the Gents' said, "Mrs. Lassiter has been vigorously promoting her departments advance basketball ticket sales, and our organization thought we migh. help n providing some scholarships for basketball players."

Cut your own Christmas tree this year

Maryland grown Christmas trees this year are more beautiful than ever due to a luxuriant groth of Winter buds occasioned by abundant rains of the past summer and fall. You may cut-your own.

A directory of Maryland growers who offer them has been compiled for the fourth year by Dr. Gouin and by George B. Roche.

Titled "Choose and Cut Your Own Christmas Tree — 1972," the directory is available free in limited supply from some county Extensiono ffices, and may be obtained by writing directly to "Christmas Trees" Department of Markets, 3212 Symons Hall, College Park, Md. 20742

St. Agnes promotes dieticians

Sister Marcella, administrative assistant of dietary services a tSt. Agnes Hospital, I.D. badges on the recently-promoted dietetic assistants, Mrs. G. Woodfolk, Mrs. V. Lindsey, Mrs. P. Dennis, Mrs. I. Haney, Mrs. D. Dukes and Miss E. Coulburn, the six food service employees who have completed the Food Service Supervisor's course at the Community College of Baltimore.

Dickey Hill elementary PTA meets

The Dickey Hill Elementary School, 5025 Dickey Hill Rd., PTA will hold its second meeting of the school year, Tues., Dec. 12th, 7:30 P.M. in the school auditorium.

Dr. Walker talks at Morgan

Dr. Ernestein Walker, professor of history at Morgan State College, in presenting the third lecture in the college's faculty lecture series' of 1972-1973 will discuss "The Black Woman in Historical Perspective," 1iours, Dec. 1s, 8:18 p.m. in the Morgan State Christiar Center, South Campus.

The wife of Maryland District Court Judge Solomon Baylor, Dr. Walker has been a member of the faculty since 1963.

Included among her recent publications are: "Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland," in the **Journal of the Association of Social Science Teachers.**

The age of Metternish: A Study in Nomenclature," in **Explorations in Education** and "The Influence of Lord Liverpool, 1815-1822" in the **Quarterly Review of Higher Education.**

Prof. Walker received the A.B. degree from Spelman College, did graduate work at Atlanta University and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and received the Ph.D. from Western Reserve University.

MLK elementary has 'learn to read' talk

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, 3750 Greenspring Ave., held a discussion last Tuesday on the theme "Your child learns to read."

The evening featured a film, choral speaking, the presentation of a reading booklet to parents and examples of acceptable reading by children.

The school has a memorial showcase in honor of the late Dr. King and is trying to buy a $28 woodcut of the murdered civil rights leader.

Contributions to the project will be gratefully accepted.

Winter vacation at the school is from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2, 1973.

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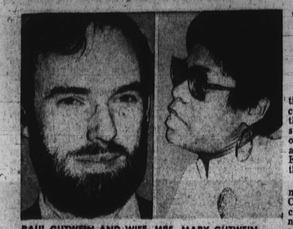

PAUL GUTWEIN AND WIFE, MRS. MARY GUTWEIN

White Husband Calls 'Sho Prejudice Stronghold

By SCOTT PONEMORE

"The state Human Relations Commission often has called the Eastern Shore the prime location in the state for opening a branch office for bias complaints, and events recently in Easton, Md., are providing this view correct.

On Monday, a white newsman brought to a Commission tribunal his charge an Easton weekly newspaper in 1969 fired him when the editor found out his fiancee was a black woman.

He told the AFRO, when he first moved to the Eastern Shore in 1969, he was "really shocked" by the prejudice he found there.

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By midnight, Monday, Easton Police report, the office of the Star-Democrat newspaper was firebombed. No suspects have been described and no arrests were made.

The Molotov cocktail thrown through a Star-Democrat window is reported to be similiar to one hurled into an Easton grocery store Nov. 8. Another firebomb set aflame an Easton patrol car in September.

Sandwiched between these events was the Oct. 27 shooting death of a 21-year-old Easton black man by a state trooper during an alleged burglary attempt. No charges were brought against the trooper.

After his hearing Monday, Paul Gutwein, now a teacher in Washington, told the AFRO why, after three years, he was still interested in winning his complaint against the Eastern Shore paper.

He replied, when he moved from Indiana to Easton he expected a town "just 80 miles from the nation's capital would not be like the Deep South."

But, he declared, "I was really shocked to find out it was like the Deep South."

"The basic question," Mr. Gutwein stated, "of white-black relationships on the Eastern Shore is very crucial as it was in 1919."

He remarked, "Everybody here including the black people assumes a white-black relationship wouldn't make it."

His wife, Mrs. Mary Gutwein, attended the hearing. A handsome woman with her hair in an Afro, she is the person to whom Mr. Gutwein was engaged when he was fired.

As to the firebombing of the newspaper office, Easton police report two guests at an inn less than a block from the office spotted flames in the building around 11:50 p.m.

Police say an officer quickly arrived and managed to extinguish the fire that had not spread far from the window oane where the Molotov first hit.

The decision on the Gutwein case was withheld by the tribunal so the Star-Democrat attorneys could file a final statement by Dec. 26.

REV. PRINCE SLAIN BY THUGS

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Western High Custodian Slain, Bullets From Chest To Knees

MR. AND MRS. GERALD POCHONET

The Pochonets here Dec. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Bernice Holman) Pochonet will be here for a pre-Christmas fete on Dec. 21 as guests of her sister Miss Maggie Holman.

Mr. Pochonet, of a wealthy Paris, France family, is now a French interpreter for the United Nations in New York where the couple moves in swank circles.

The beauteous Mrs. Pochonet, former Baltimore beautician, first introduced here in 1955 and b. back the rage from Paris trip where she met her husband. They were married in a fashionable event in Paris in 1959.

MISS THESSA GRIGGS

Teenaged hostage hospitalized

"Thank God, I am really glad she was not hurt." Tressa is very upset and had to go back to the hospital this morning."

Mrs. Alice Griggs, mother of the 16-year-old eleventh grade Western High School student in class C-8 made the above statement on Thursday morning.

Miss Tressa Griggs was held as hostage 40 minutes Wednesday in a small custodial room at the school by a custodian.

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When the AFRO went to the student's home on Durham St., her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Griggs, said, "The school called around 1 p.m. Wednesday. We went to the hospital to see Tressa.

"At that time she was not too upset because they had given her medicine. Later that night, people began to ask her about what happened and she became

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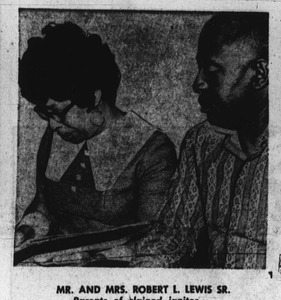

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT L. LEWIS SR.
Parents of slained janitor

Student eyewitness says he saw it all

A pupil eyewitness told the AFRO what he saw as he hid in a hallway and watched as the custodian was gunned down.

He states, "I saw the people running, the girls screaming, and went down to see. I have never seen anything like it and I hope never again.

"The man was in the custodial office. He let the girl shot him in the leg and why did they keep shooting after he was down."

This was the statement made to the AFRO by T. Anthony the brother-in-law of Robert L. Lewis, slain Western High School custodian.

According to the family,

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ROBERT L. LEWIS JR.

'Did they have to kill him!'

By MICHELE MCRAE

"Why did the officers knowing all he had was a knife, and they are supposed to be trained as "sharp shooters," have to kill him. Why couldn't they have shot him in the leg and why did they keep shooting after he was down."

This was the statement made to the AFRO by T. Anthony the brother-in-law of Robert L. Lewis, slain Western High School custodian.

According to the family,

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Autopsy finds 15 gun tracks

Police reports by Officer Joseph Weber, 28, Northern District, state .38 revolvers were used to slay Western High School custodian Robert Lee Lewis Jr. Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Peter Lipkovic, the medical examiner who performed the autopsy said during five hours operation, he found 15 wound tracks, "bullets all over the place," from Lewis' chest just below the neck down to his knees."

He stated, "There were so many in the chest, it was hard to sort them out as to which got there first. Many were in the vital organs.

"Several went through and through, three in the arms and hands. You may say he was shot, therefore, 13, 14 or 15 times. I recp-

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James Brown will file suit

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Entertainer James Brown and two aides plan federal court suits of $2 million as results of an encounter with police in Knoxville, Tenn.

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We have role on the moon

By MICHELE McRAE

Lloyd W. Green and Robert E. Richardson Jr., Collaboration Test Equipment Engineers at Hopkins University vitally assisted in this last moon exploration.

The project under direction of William G. Fastie, known as the Apollo 17 Far Ultra-violet Spectrometer Experiment," cost $4.1 million from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The main function of the "Ultra-violet Spectrometer" on Apollo 17 is to measure the ultraviolet radiation from points available in flight, such as the atmosphere of the earth and sun and other events in space.

The machine is functioned by Lloyd Green and Robert Richardson in split hour shifts in which they take readings from the Ultra-violet Spectrometer simulated with the Apollo

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ROBERT E. RICHARDSON JR.

LLOYD W. GREEN

Turk Scott delegate in Adams' seat

The eight-man 2nd District State Central Committee voted unanimously in a meeting at Dunbar High School, Tuesday night to have James A. (Turk) Scott Jr., an insurance broker, fill the House of Delegates vacancy created by the death of Del. Floyd B. Adams last month.

Del. Adams' widow, Mrs. Thelma Adams, a few weeks ago had announced her interest in filling her husband's seat herself and she had received support from the New Era Democratic Club and the Northeastern Democratic Club.

But Mrs. Adams did not

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Mayor says housing violations must be corrected in 24 hrs.

(Special to the AFRO)

Mayor Schaefer in response to the AFRO's grave concern over housing firetraps, death by fire in the inner city and lack of landlord compliance on safety codes, wrote the statement below.

The mayor notes here that violations, threat or danger to occupants, must be corrected in 24 hours and after inspection, the law will be enforced. All citizens should immediately report violations to OL 2-2000 Neighborhood Development Dept. which enforces the cides.

Here is the mayor's statement:

The Baltimore fires within the last two weeks are of concern to me.

Fortunately, the apart-

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Baby dies in fire

The Fire Department is investigating a fire outbreak in a Southwestern Baltimore home in which a one-year-old infant boy was killed and two other children seriously injured.

They state fire-fighters clawed their way through a smoke-filed room in the flaming house in the 2500 block McHenry St. to find Paul Batson, 1; overcome with smoke. He was pronounced dead at the Bon Secours Hospital.

His two sisters, Joyce, 4, and Monica, 5, who were sleeping in a front bedroom could barely breath.

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Two teenage girls, in the house when the house caught fire, jumped through the window.

Fire department records show Caroline Rucker, 17, and Yvonne, 15, were treated of burns and leg injuries and released at the

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$500 GIFT TO AFRO's Mrs. Santa helper (Michelle McCrea), is presented by Dr. Uthman Ray, prominent Baltimore physician and civic worker who annually contributes to this AFRO charity. Center is his office assistant, Mrs. Ernestine V. Davis. There i still time for YOU to give to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. Your tax-deductible contribution will enable Mrs. Santa to help many deserving families. Hurry! (AFRO staff photo by I. Henry Phillips Sr.)

Mrs. Santa has $6,102.33

By MRS. SANTA

There are just 10 days until Christmas and the AFRO's Mrs. Santa is knee-deep in letters from deserving families.

Mrs. Santa needs the help of AFRO readers to collect cash to help make Christmas a happy time for the needy.

Here is what you can do. Send your check or money order to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities Inc., P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. Remember, all contributions are tax deductible.

If you cannot give cash to me, you can still help out. Adopt a needy family from the list published on Mrs. Santa's page in this issue. Cases are listed by number. Call me, Mrs. Santa between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., give me the number

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Praise from the principal

Angelo Fortunato, Western High principal, praised the 2,000 young women pupils, all teachers and vice principals, Mrs. Irma Roy and Mrs. Sue Miles, "for handling a difficult situation in a fine way."

Mr. Fortunati, who was at home recuperating from an operation, rushed to the school as soon as he heard about the incident.

He reported the teenagers were fairly calm in the 90 minutes they were kept in their rooms "while the man was in the hallways."

He said later girls who wanted to talk or just lay their heads down and cry were taken into his offices for comfort.

As to Tressa Griggs, the 16-year old pupil held hostage, he said, "The ordeal she went through is more than we'll ever know. We will try to do something to help her and her family at home."

As to the slain janitor, Robert Lee Lewis Jr., 28, Mr. Fortunato said, "To

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Markets have painted tangerines and colored meat

Benjamin Ginsberg in a letter dated Dec. 11 wrote Del. Troy Brailley that inspections at Lafayette Market by City Health Food Control found meat in high fat content has been ordered removed. Reinspection of stalls will come.

Meantime, AFRO readers report tangerines found in a downtown market had been painted deep orange and meat flushed with red "snowball coloring" to appear fresh.

A great many more than usual calls join Del. Brailey's warning to holiday food shoppers to beware of short change, short weight and dyed meat and fruit.

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Del. Brailey's reports from citizens also state sweet potatoes were painted red to look like yams and when taken home, the color came off on the bag.

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Mr. Ginsberg, chief of Food Plant Inspection, Health Dept. said in his letter to Del. Brailey:

"In answer to your request to investigate the sanitary condition of the food stalls at the above-referenced public city mar-

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Colored balls for Christmas, yes, but who wants painted meat and fruit?

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