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SCHOOL BOARD

Committee to probe Western Hi tragedy

A group of 50 school security guards went to the Thursday night School Board meeting. However, their grievances which stemmed from the Western High School incident Wednesday, were unheard.

School Board rules prohibit "audience hearings" not requested 24 hours in advance. The group will speak before the board at the Dec. 21 meeting.

After expressing "deep concern and regret" over the Western High tragedy, Board President Dr. John Walton called for a committee to investigate in cooperation with the Commissioners Dr. Eugene Scott, Robert Tuiebolt, Dr. Walton and volunteers James Griffin and Stuffent Commissioner Eric Douglas.

Dr. Walton charged the group with responsibility of probing the occurrence which he said "upon preliminary assessment appears to be an isolated incident."

The committee is also asked to devise measures to prevent "recurrence of incidents of this kind."

A spokesman for the school security guards, Joe Kelly told the AFRO his main purpose (for attending last night's meeting) was to impress upon these people (the board and superintendent) that what happened yesterday (at Western) could have been avoided."

As to the budget, School Superintendent Dr. Roland Patterson said of the $237 million request, representing an increase of $30.6 million in local funds over last year's appropriations, "an examination of our urban centers . . . will show our priorities have been somewhat misplaced . . . progress in education has not matched our progress in other areas."

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Dr. Patterson said, "We have extended billions of dollars in mastering travel in space." (He cited the presence of Americans on the moon at that very moment.)

"We are sacrificing the continued growth of our nation, sacrificing our own futures, when we fail to realize that our futures are unalterably bound with the futures of our young people."

Dr. Patterson warned, "Education in large cities stands at the brink of disaster.

"If this disaster is allowed to occur, it will be a national disaster the proportions of which none of us have experienced."

The $37.8 million increase in local funds will be utilized in three major areas.

The first portion allots $12.3 million for "built-ins." These sums over current commitments that cannot be adjusted including salary increments, temporary and part-time wages, inflation and debt management.

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The figure does not include negotiated salary increases which amounted to $4.5 million in the current fiscal budget.

The second part of the $30.8 million increase is for new positions and nonsalaried requested. The increase of $15 million includes creation of 1,111 new educational positions and 270 classified.

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In accordance with the Board's priority of reduction of class size, 146 new positions in elementary education would lower the average class size from approximately 30-1 to 27-1. At the secondary level, 430 new teachers, would improve the from the current average 35.5-1 to 27.6 to 1.

Dr. Patterson said the cost of the additional 707 instructional services staff members will be $4.9 million or 1 per cent of what "it took to put men on the moon."

The third portion totals $3.5 million for new programs in reading and curriculum, behavior and security and building maintenance.

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In special announcement, Dr. Walton noted that a review of "cash accounting" by the Board has indicated a projected deficit of roughly $320,000 for 1972-73 in the area of transportation.

A review of a "Statement of Operations for 4 Months Ending October 31, 1972" made available by the Board Budget and Finance Committee, showed with 1/3 of the fiscal year or 1/5 of the school year elapsed, 69 per cent of the budget for transportation has already been expended.

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—Brown

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that ended with their arrests.

Brown's manager, Freddie Holmes, told the AFRO that he and another aide, Oliver Dyer, were beaten by police before being arrested early Monday morning after a Brown concert in the Knoxville coliseum.

Police claim the confrontation took place when Brown and his aides insisted on lingering around the auditorium after the concert was over.

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Brown was charged with disorderly conduct and freed on $250 bail. Holmes and Dyer were freed on $2,750 bail on charges of disorderly conduct and assaulting police officers.

Holmes said a hearing in the case has been set for Dec. 27 in Knoxville and the accused trio will be there.

Holmes said the suits contemplated would ask $1 million for himself and half a million dollars for each of the aides.

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Knoxville Police Chief Joe Fowler said coliseum security guards had attempted to get Brown and his associates to leave the auditorium. He said they eventually got them outside where a fight broke out.

The chief said he did not know what prompted the fight but that two officers were treated and released at a hospital.

Holmes gave a different version.

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He said "one fool," a policeman, was responsible for all the trouble.

Holmes said the contract he had with the auditorium was through 12:01 a.m. Monday. The trouble started about 12:10 a.m. when helpers were still getting an estimated $30,000 worth of equipment from the stage and Brown was talking to some of the young people who had attended the concert.

Holmes said Brown was talking to them about working within the system and remaining in school. He said 15 or 20 people were there.

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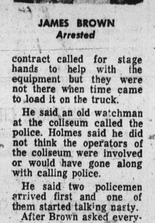
According to Holmes his contract called for stage hands to help with the equipment but they were not there when time came to load it on the truck.



JAMES BROWN
Arrested

He said an old watchman at the coliseum called the police. Holmes said he did not think the operators of the coliseum were involved or would have gone along with calling police.

He said two policemen arrived first and one of them started talking nasty.

After Brown asked everyone to leave and they had gone outside. Holmes said the same officer told his partner, "I want that n—r in the back of the car (referring to Dyer)."

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He said the rukus began then when police started whipping Dyer.

Holmes said when he suggested they arrest Dyer if they had a complaint, rather than assaulting him, "they started beating us."

He said the first two apparently had called for help and there now were 15 to 20 policemen there.

Holmes said the officers had weapons and sticks and "there was nothing we could do."

No reform

— Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., says there has been "absolutely" no prison reform since the Attica riots because New York state legislators have refused to appropriate necessary funds.

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—Serving 35 years

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son's conviction and the state Court of Appeals in June refused to hear the case.

This latest appeal contends the warrant used in Johnson's arrest on Jan. 15, 1971, was based on an unreliable informant and was implimented too many days (26 days) after the informant's alleged observation.

The Supreme Court is petitioned to overturn the conviction because the alleged misuses of a search warrant violated probable cause assurances in the Fourth Amendment.

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Since the Court of Appeals denied to hear the case, Johnson has submitted himself to questioning under hypnosis by a West Coast doctor.

In a report dated June 28, 1972, Dr. William J. Bryant, Jr. who used hypnotism concluded Johnson told him "without deception" he was not in possession of any drugs at the time of the police raid or knew any drugs were in his house.

Using the 'calender method,'" Dr. Bryant said he took Johnson back through time to the day of his arrest.

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Through this method, Johnson revealed he talked to a "short" policeman "who smoked cigars" and who told him, "Man, why don't you do something about it" and was answered, "Man, I got a job to do."

Dr. Bryant reported he was still unsure "by whom or how the patient was framed" but was certain "someone other than the patient (Johnson) planted the illegal substances" in the house

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Astronauts prepare for return burn

SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI) — The last Apollo astronauts gave the moon a parting blow in the name of science today (Friday) then settled down for what may be man's final two days in lunar orbit this century.

After Eugene A. Cernan and Harrison H. "Jack" Schmitt rejoined Ronald E. Evans in the Apollo 17 command ship America with a spare haul of lunar samples, they cut loose the spacecraft challenger and sent it crashing into the moon.

The silver and black lunar module, the last ship built to land men on another planet, hit within 10 miles of the Taurus-Littrow Valley where Cernan and Schmitt lived for 75 hours. But a television camera left behind failed to spot the impact.

"It seems like an unfitting finish to a super bird," said Cernan.

The astronauts will remain in orbit around the moon until 6:33 p.m. EST Saturday when they fire the main engine aboard America to break the grasp of lunar gravity and cruise back to earth. The extra orbital time will give America's cameras and other sensors time to add to the scientific bonanza produced by Apollo 17.

Evans will take the spotlight Sunday afternoon when he is to walk in space 200,000 miles from earth to retrieve film cassettes from two telescopic mapping cameras and a radar subsurface sounding instrument aboard America.

Fake maintenance man guilty of robbery

Charles M. Cox, 26, 4000 block Edgewood Rd., was sentence to seven years in prison Wednesday by Judge Harry Cole. The defendant was charged with robbery.

Court records show on June 8, the defendant went to the apartment of Mrs. Sharon Bonds, 2300 block Loyola Parkway.

He identified himself as 'a maintenance man" and stated he had come to fix a leaking faucet.

The court record also show Mrs. Bonds stated she did not have a leaking faucet but needed her venetian blinds repaired. Cox entered the apartment and began repairing the blinds.

Testimony before the court revealed he then turned around and asked Mrs. Bonds if she had any money.

Later he locked the victim in the bathroom and took a television valued at $60.

According to court records the defendant was convicted of robbery in 1964 and served five years in prison.

Cox told the court, "I had known the victim before. She gave me her address. I took the television because I did not have any money at the time."

Judge Cole told the defendant, "I don't believe anything you said. I find it a fact you lie."

Group seeks dual citizenship with Liberia

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The State Department has been asked by a group of American blacks, woh include activist Jesse Jackson, a Congressman and the Manhattan borough president, to determine if they can accept dual citizenship from Liberia.

In addition to Jackson, the group includes manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton and Rep. William Clay, D-Mo. A State Department spokesman said Monday the members of the group "made it clear that they did not want to give up their American citizenship."

"But they did express a strong interest in improving relations with African countries and thought that dual citizenship with Liberia might be one way that "there was not very much that we could tell them since it all depends on how that second citizenship is obtained."

ANOTHER FIRE, Infant suffers burns

Fires continue to haunt the inner city.

A one-alarm blaze broke out in a house in the 400 P. Wood E. 20th St., at about 2 p.m. Thursday causing the hospitalization of a "badly burned" child.

Fire Department officials told the AFRO Friday morning they are investigating the cause of the fire which severely burned 3-year-old Paul McKissick and Joseph Ross, 19, who sustained minor injuries.

The baby is at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. The youth was treated and released.

Firefighters report they found the child in a third floor bedroom, lying on the floor. He is reported in critical condition with extensive burns of the face, chest and arms and suffering from severe smoke inhalation.

The mother, Mrs. Bionice Gilliam, and her six other children are being given temporary food and shelter by the Red Cross.

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—Native sons

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citation from Spiro T. Agnew, former Governor of Maryland, for her outstanding services to the citizens of Maryland.

This is the eighth consecutive year for Operation Native Sons and Daughters, which provides a central location for college trained young men and women to discuss career opportunities with local companies.

Over 60 firms and 2,500 students are expected to participate in this year's program.

The purpose of Operation Native Sons and Daughters, according to Mrs. Sparks, is "To provide a convenient means for our native sons and daughters, who are about to complete their college education, to examine opportunities in the business world.

Since these young men and women represent the business, civic, and political future of Baltimore, it behoves us to make this program available to them," she stated.

—6 troopers

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AFRO these six represent his concentrated efforts to bring black people into the force.

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"I am trying to focus attention of these six," he remarked, "so the black community will be aware of our recruiting efforts, and I expect the influx of black applicants will increase."

The graduates are Richard L. Austin, 23, assigned to Forrestville Barracks, Prince Georges County; David C. Franklin, 23, to Waldorf Barracks, Charles County; and Clinton A. Garrett, 23, to the J.F.K. Highway patrol.

Also, Wendell C. Highsmith, 23, to Forrestville; John R. Hubbard, 25, to Greenbelt Barracks, Prince Georges; and Floyd C. Jones, Jr., 24 to Valley Barracks, Baltimore County

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Upon graduation, these six with the 50 white classmates enter a two-year probationary period.

Trooper Alston also reports he presently is seeking high school seniors who are interested in joining the three-year State Police cadet program.

Open to young men 18 to 20 years-old, the cadet program gives participants the chance to gain experience working beside a trooper, mostly as radio operators at the barracks and assistants in the Truck Weight Enforcement Division.

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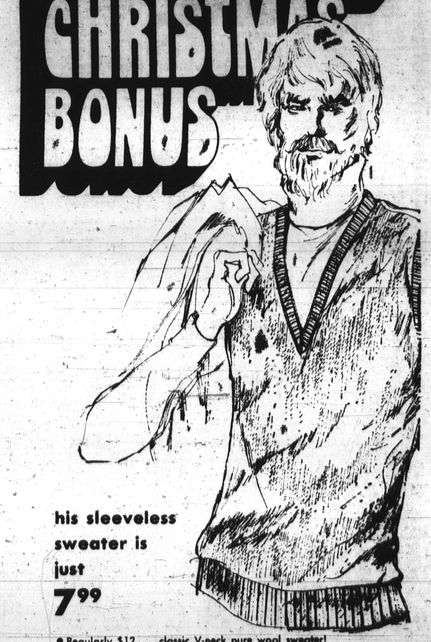

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