HEARING RESUMES TUESDAY

Black firemen win 1st round in suit to end discrimination

Four black firemen won the first round in Federal Court Tuesday when Judge Joseph H. Young ruled they had "shown a prima facie case of de facto discrimination."

The judge ruled that the city must now disprove the existence of discrimination, tests and promotion procedures, despite their dis- or prove that the entrance criminatory nature, are the most efficient available.

Kenneth L. Johnson, attorney for the four fire captains, rested his case Monday after 11 days of testimony in the class action suit. The four plaintiffs — Thomas Deshields, Louis Harper, Alphonso Thornton, and Carl McDonald claimed in their suit that discriminatory policies of the Baltimore City Fire Department have hindered their chances of advancement as well as other blacks'.

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City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr., representing the Fire Department stated that department policies "had no adverse effect on black firefighters".

Judge Young, however, advised that his ruling should not be mistaken for a "final decision", but was only intended to show "where we are" in the proceedings at this point.

In his first official statement of the case, Judge Young cited racial statistics of the department which show blacks represent only 14.3 per cent of the total forces and seven per cent of the officers.

He added that there were no black senior officers in the department.

"Discrimination," the judge said, "in view of the evidence presented thus far, has had adverse effects on blacks seeking higher positions and requires further explanation."

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The four firefighters are seeking as reparation for the past discrimination to have the court award back pay to all blacks who have served in the department.

They also want blacks to be assigned to 17 new officer positions which have been frozen by court injunction since Nov. 17, 1972. These positions are for one deputy chief, six battalion chiefs and 10 lieutenants.

A motion by H. Thomas Howell, attorney for 13 white firemen, to "vacate or modify" the injunction, was denied by Judge Young in Tuesday's proceedings.

The 13 firemen intervenors in the case, are protesting the injunction, claiming it is holding up their promotions to the vacant positions.

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Howell's motion to free the deputy chief post was supported by City Solicitor Russell who beseeched the court "on behalf of the people" to fill the position.

"There's no way possible," said Russell "that they (the black officers) can get this relief. . .we need the deputy chief position filled".

After protests from plaintiffs' Atty. Johnson said that the naming of a deputy chief at this time would "freeze blacks from the position for years to come," Judge Young denied Howell's motion.

At adjournment, the judge stated the case would not be continued until next Tuesday.

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Woodbourne 7th grader kills self accidentally

A 15-year-old Woodburn Junior High School 7th grader accidentally shot and killed himself Monday afternoon while returning a .38 caliber revolver into his house.

Police report Clarence S. Robinson, 5000 block Midwood Ave., was pronounced dead on arrival at Union Memorial Hospital fgom a bullet wound of the chest.

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Police quote Robert L. Smith, 23, the youth's uncle, as saying he heard noises outside the house and took the gun with him to investigate.

Police state when he failed to find anything unusual he gave the gun to the youth to return it to the house.

Homicide investigators state a few minutes later Mr. Smith heard a shot and discovered his nephew lying on the front porch in a pool of blood.

Burial of young Robinson is scheduled for 1 p.m. today (Friday) at Longreen, Md.

He is survived by his parents, Mrs. Bertha Robinson, and William Robinson; three brothers, Kenneth, William and Michael Robinson; and five sisters, Misses Charity, Jacqueline, Ame, Michele and Tina Robinson.

—$50,000

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Emerson R. Julian (D, 4th) introduced into the Council's Tuesday meeting a bill to ban smoking in school buildings and on school grounds.

If passed in present form, the ordinance would have violators fined not more than $50 for each offense.

Dr. Julian noted the Council already had passed a noise pollution and a space heater pollution law and now it is time to support the American Cancer Society and fight cigerette pollution.

Also, the Council passed a resolution authored by Councilwoman Barbara Mikulski urging State Police to enforce state truck weight laws within the city limits, on a daily basis.

Miss Mikulski emphasized the State Police patrol city streets infrequently for overweight trucks, resulting in street damage amounting to almost $10 million in repairs a year.

The noise and vibrations caused by overweight trucks, she added, "adversely effect the physical and mental health of the people, particulary our senior citizens."

Annapolis—Due to the recent clamoring about the large increase in rents, Delegates Maclyn McCarty (D., 2nd Balto. City) and James A. Scott (D., 2nd Balto. City) have submitted a bill which would require all rent increases be screened by a state agency.

H.B. No. 669, which comes before committee sometimes in the near future, would establish a maximum increase of 5.5 percent on all residential rents.

—GI's return

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France, Greece, and Turkey.

A Dunbar High graduate he obtained a BS degree in Teacher-Education from Coppin State College.

Mrs. McDaniel reveals he will return home Feb. 20 to continue his education in medicine.

Frank's three brothers are Nathaniel, an Air Force Base Lenard, a marine Sgt. at Andrews Air Force are Mrs. Barbara Nicholson stationed at Camp LeJeune, lic schools; his two sisters, N.C. and Clarence, a student in the Baltimore public and Miss Delores McDaniel.

On Eastside

By GEORGIANNA MOODY

The wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie McKay was held in the Wakefield Community Building, Sunday afternoon.

The bride is the former Miss Donna Blackwell who was married to Mr. McKay in January.

The reception was a lovely affair.

More than 200 beautiful people attended the reception.

The long receiving line consisted of the immediate family and bridal party.

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Come on!

All you gals and guys will dig the mighty Isaac Hayes at the Latin Casino, Cherry Hill, N.J., Sun. April 1.

The B and C Benevolence Society, a group of young college men, desire that you travel with them on a bus leaving from Eden and Oliver Sts., April 1, 2:30 p.m. sharp.

For tickets, call the president, Warren Covington, PE. 2-3438; bus manager, Hilton Bostic, VE. 7-7559; or Pierre Moody, 944-7925.

Bon Voyage to: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hill of Randallstown, Md. who left Baltimore for three weeks vacation in the Philippines.

Also, Mrs. Nazel Gresham, East Orange, N.J. is vacationing in the Bahamas this week.

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Happy birthday wishes to friends who will be celebrating this month. Mesdames Lucille Harris, Feb. 10; Barbara Coleman, Feb. 14; Alverta Avery, Feb. 18;

Also, Priscilla McClain, Feb. 18; Rhoda Miles, Feb. 19; Patrice Tyer, Feb. 22; Gloria Shorts, Feb. 23 and Gertrude Dorsey, Feb. 24.

Plus Joann Evans, Feb. 25; Tanya Watson, Feb. 26; Denise Strickland, Feb. 26; Charlotte Johnson, Feb. 28; and Angelo Lewis, Feb. 12.

In addition, Kevin Dukes, Feb. 16; Jerome Green, Feb. 17; Nathaniel White, Feb. 17; Rick Weathersbee, Feb. 23; and Kartomollis Freeman, Feb. 25.

Mt. Winans News

By GERTRUDE M. PARKER

The Women of Area 33 South will hold their Annual World Day of Prayer Fri., March 2, 7:30 p.m. in the Mt. Winans United Methodist Church, Hollins Ferry Rd. and Waterview Ave.

Mrs. Sadie S. Blocker, chairman, and the Rev. Clarence Govans, minister.

Attending the Church Women United of Greater Baltimore Annual Meeting and Luncheon held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel recently were: Mesdames Desdemonia Levi, Martha Watkins, Victoria Anderson, Gertrude M. Parker, Janet Williams, Bernice Lee, Helen Robinson, and Mabel Patterson.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Yevanda Delores Brooks who recently passed examination for certified public accountant.

She is the wife of Barnett Brooks of Forest Park Ave.

Mrs. Brooks is also the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Quention Brooks of Longwood St.

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Among the many charitable affairs headed by Mrs. Sadie Blocker and Mrs. Alice Lee was the one given last Sunday for the elderly at the Carroll Home, Carrollton Ave.

Dinner was served and a program given by the members of the Mt. Winans United Methodist Senior Choir.

Mrs. Gloria Clements, president of the choir and Mrs. Shirley Harris, organist.

The Rev. Mr. Govans is the minister.

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Joe Frazier with Colin Cushman and Ken Cameron
ex-champ challenged by kids of servicemen missing in Indo-China

Frazier wants no sympathy while his title is 'on loan'

By MILTON RICHMAN

NEW YORK (UPI) — Joe Frazier isn't going around feeling sorry for himself.

"What for?," he laughs, his eyes a-gleam. "I was prepared to be defeated some day. I just didn't know it was going to come so soon."

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The former heavyweight champion, who lost his title to George Foreman in Kingston, Jamaica on Jan. 22, isn't worried at all about the future.

"Knowing the type of individual George is, I think he'll be more than glad to give me a return." Frazier declares. "But I don't know about the people handling him, get it? That's off the record."

Frazier, looking none the worse for his defeat three weeks ago, appeared with John Unitas of the San Diego Chargers, Rod Gilbert of the New York Rangers, Ron Swoboda of the New York Yankees and Jerry Lucas of the New York Knicks at a press conference here designed to raise fundz for children of U.S. servicemen who were either captured or missing in aftion in Indo-China.

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The program for the children is called "No Greater Love" and Unitas was instrumental in getting it started after receiving a letter from the 10-year-old son of a prisoner of war.

At the get-together, Frazier said that people had not changed appreciably toward him since his six-knockdown, second round technical knockout at the hands of Foreman.

"They still call me champ," he revealed. "I tell 'em ,'No, George Foreman is the champ. He just borrowed the title for a while, but I wanna get it back. It ain't the same like it was before.'"

Wearing a tan turtleneck and looking in excellent shape, Frazier said he blamed only himself for his defeat.

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"I thought I fought a pretty dumb fight," he said. "I made an awful lot of mistakes. I sat down and watched the fight on television and I couldn't believe it was me.

"Like some old man said," Frazier went on, laughing again, "I had my hands behind me. Whatever made me put my hands down? It was just plain stupidity.

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"I'm not really shook up about it though. I see what I did wrong. If I made those mistakes against my son, I'd expect him to hit me on the chin."

Frazier weighed 214 for the Foreman fight and usually comes in closer to 208. He does not cite the added poundage for his defeat.

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"Weight didn't have nothing to do with it," he said. "The fight only went two rounds, remember, and I can carry a thousand pounds on my back for two rounds."

Ali victory unimpressive

Watching him in action on closed-circuit TV, one would agree that Muhammad Ali defeated England's Joe Bugner Wednesday night at Las Vegas. But one also wouuld agree that the former world heavyweight champion was anything but impressive in doing it.

Certainly, Ali did not perform like a 7-to-1 favorite.

Ali, 33, had predicted "another St. Valentine's Day Massacre" and a seventh-round knockout but he was lucky to escape with a victory. The surprising Bugner wasn't even on the verge of a knockout.

"Joe's a lot better than I thought he was," said the former world titleholder. "I didn't know his legs were so good.

"It was a good experience for him. He won't fight nobody no better."

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Posfing his 10th straight victory since his 1971 loss to Smokin' Joe Frazier, Ali was a 58-52, 57-54, and 56-53 winner on the three judges' scorecards.

Bugner, who was a 20-1 underdog in his own hometown of London, said Ali neve had him in trouble.

"I was baffled a little bit, but I wasn't actually hurt," he said. "I didn't realize Muhammad's legs were as good as they were.

"I'm pleased he had as much respect for my ability as he did and got himself into as good condition as he did."

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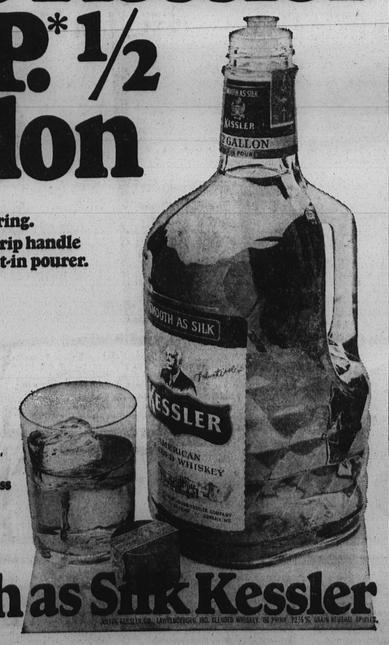

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