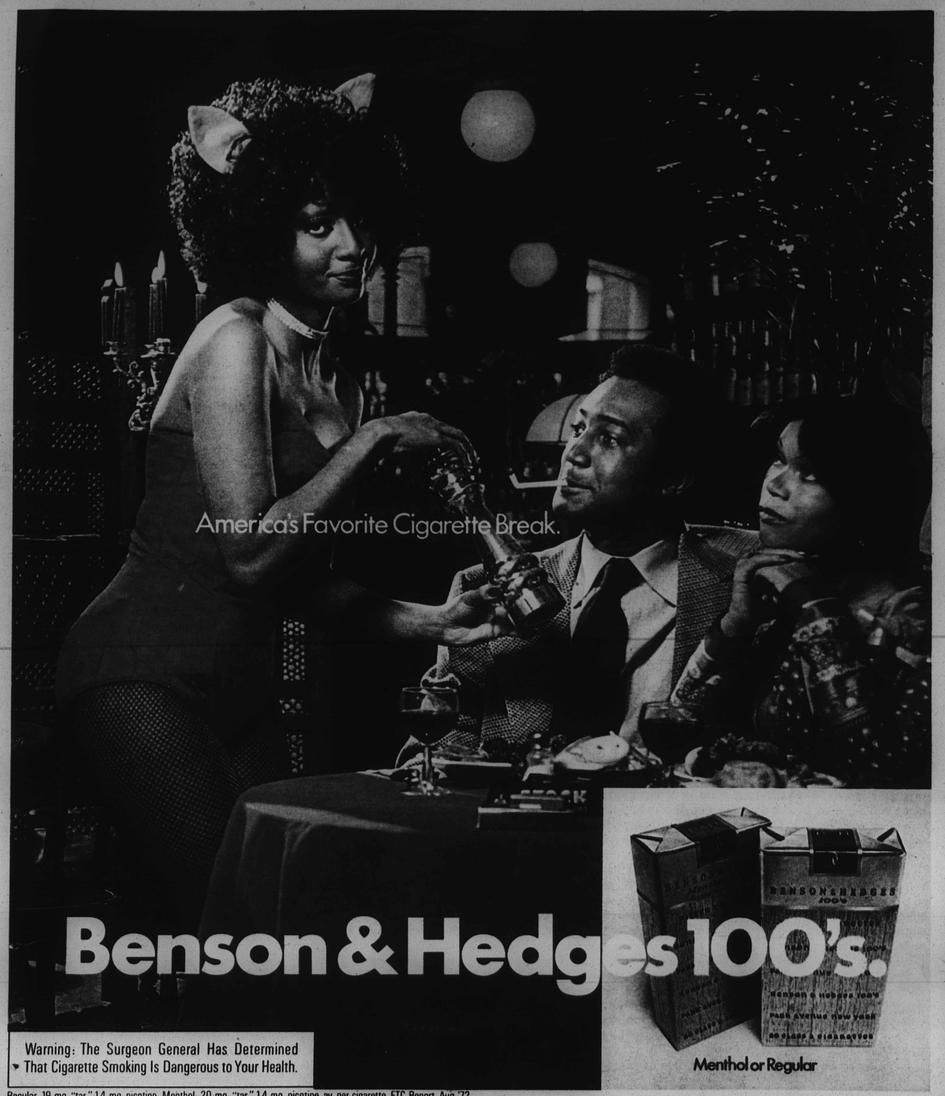

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Accused Policemen Not Guilty

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Firemen Win Court Battle

Preference principle for city jobs upheld

Federal Court Judge Joseph H. Young handed down a monumental civil rights ruling Wednesday involving this city's black fire fighters.

Baltimore City was found guilty of racial discrimination in the fire department and new desegregation plans were ordered to correct the situation.

The sweeping ruling goes much beyond fireman because Judge Young clearly upheld for Baltimore City the principle of giving preference to city resident seeking such jobs.

Four black Baltimore fire fighters entered this procedent making case in Maryland's Federal District Court Dec. 6, 1971. After one year and four months of testimony, the case concluded April 6 to wait the judge's ruling.

• The ruling

Charges of racial discrimination in the Baltimore City Fire Department by four black firemen have been upheld by a federal judge.

In a landmark ruling issued Wednesday, Judge Joseph H. Young ordered a complete revamping of the Department's entrance requirements and promotion procedures.

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The jurist based much of his ruling on the "inescapable fact that white control of the . . . department is disproportionate to white presence in the Department.

"This is due," Judge Young said, "to the total exclusion of blacks (from the department) until 1953 and to a system so structured that the effects of the exclusion are reflected in the (racial) composition of the Department 20 years later."

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In the 56-page ruling, Judge Young ended the legal dispute which began Dec. 6, 1971, when the plaintiffs filed a class action, 'friendly', suit against the Mayor and the City Council for discriminatory practices of the Baltimore Fire Department.

Mayor William Donald Schaefer responded to the suit by naming black city solicitor George L. Rus-

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• Analysis

Black Baltimore firefighters won a major victory this week with a federal court's ruling that immediate steps must be taken to end discriminatory practices in the City's Fire Department.

Or did they?

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Both sides in the landmark civil rights case heard by Judge Joseph H. Young claimed a victory in the ruling which left some observers in a state of confusion.

How, one person close to the case asked, could both sides be winners? Weren't there any losers? Does this mean the ruling is too vague?

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The case which formally began Dec. 6, 1971, lasted one year and four months featured four black firefighters armed with a noted black civil rights lawyer battling against the Baltimore Mayor and City Council who were also armed with a noted black lawyer—City Solicitor George L. Russell.

Irony abounded during the trial as Russell eloquently defended the rights of his white clients against the allegations of racial bias and in turn was accused of supporting a racist system.

In the suit against the City, the four plaintiffs

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• Reaction

The long awaited decision of Federal Court Judge Joseph H. Young in the three-month long firemen's case elicited varied reactions from attorneys, firemen and politicians.

Kenneth L. Johnson, was selected by the city to represent the group of black firemen:-

"We won the case, despite Mr. Russell's obstruction of justice.

"We wanted quota hiring and although we didn't get that, the judge ruled that first consideration for employment would be given to hirees from the city, and in effect, implemented quota hiring."

Johnson was also elated over the court's decision to reduce the time-in-grade (time one must be in a certain position before he would be eligible for promotion).

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"By doing that," he said, "the court enlarged the pool of blacks from which to select for promotions."

The civil rights attorney added that the court's order to the Fire Dept. to closely supervise the efficiency ratings was also favorable.

He said he found "great satisfaction" in the fact that the city had to pay the attorney's fees.

"The winners don't pay the attorneys' fee," said Johnson, "that's elementa-

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KENNETH L. JOHNSON
Civil rights attorney represented the firemen.

JUDGE JOSEPH H. YOUNG — **Federal judge gave ruling in Baltimore firemen's case**

GEORGEn L. RUSSELL JR.
City solicitor represented the city of Baltimore.

CAPT. LOUIS HARPER

CAPT. THOMAS DESHIELDS

CAPT. ALPHONSO THORNTON

LT. CARL MCDONALD

1 dead, 2 hurt after blazing Turnpike duel

EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J. (UPI) — A female member of the Black Liberation Army sought by the FBI and New York police was wounded and captured Wednesday in a gunbattle with state police. One gunman and a trooper were killed in the shootout.

The trooper was killed when the occupants of a passenger car that had been pulled over for a traffic violation suddenly opened fire, state police reported. A second trooper was wounded in the exchange of bullets.

The dead gunman was identified as Henry Williams. The woman suspect, BLA member Joann D. Chesimard, was wounded seriously.

She is wanted by the FBI as a fugitive and also by New York City authorities as a member of the Black Liberation Army which has claimed responsibility for several police murders—including the 1971 killings of patrolmen Waverly Jones and Nicholas Piagentina—and numerous bank robberies.

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Some 45 other troopers and local police searched a wooded area off the New Jersey Turnpike for a third

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CAPTURED—Miss Joann Deborah Chesimard (in police photo), a female member of the Black Liberation Army sought by the FBI and New York police this week, was wounded and captured in a gun battle with state police. One gunman and a trooper were killed in the shootout. (UPI Telephoto)

Watergate demonstrates need for confidentiality

Watergate continued to bug President Nixon this week as new disclosures drew more employes into the net and tied Republican espionage to the Pentagon Papers trial.

The grand jury and Senate probes of the scandal continued, with Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., rousing Nixon's anger by sponsoring a resolution calling for a special Watergate prosecutor.

While Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler insisted that Attorney General designate Elliot L. Richardson would have a free hand in the Watergate investigation, it was learned that his probers would not have free access to White House papers.

A New York Times report charged Thursday that the Watergate bugging was only a small part of a concerted Republican campaign to insure nomination of the weakest Democratic candidate in 1972.

The campaign, first directed at Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, D.-Maine, got underway in early 1971 when the senator bested the President in the polls.

White House efforts to find the Pentagon papers leak later that year served as a training exercise for the widespread 1972 snooping.

When Sen. Muskie faltered, the espionage was redirected to other Democratic candidates. The saboteurs felt their greatest coup was the Florida primary win of Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama.

Investigators are still

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Philly lawyer may get Watergate probe role

WASHINGTON — A nationally respected black lawyer has been prominently mentioned for a major role in the prosecution of the Watergate Case figures.

William T. Coleman Jr., 52-year-old Republican who is senior member of the prestigious Philadelphia law firm of Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish, Levy and Coleman, reportedly was under consideration by Atty. Gen.-designate Elliot Richardson.

No confirmation coud be obtained from the Pentagon, where Richardson still is serving as defense secretary, or at the Justice Department, relative to any specific role Coleman may be desired for, but it had been admitted that the FBI has been running a check on Coleman.

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Coleman is known to be a close friend of Secretary Richardson and it could be that the Philadelphia lawyer is in line for some other Justice Department post should Richardson be confirmed by the Senate.

Like the high-level government sources in Washington, Coleman maintained a "no comment" posture in Philadelphia, observing

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MORGAN HONOREES—Cong. Parren J. Mitchell (D.-7th) and State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein will receive honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Morgan State College during the school's 106th Annual Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 27 at 4 p.m. on the Baltimore City Campus.

SGT. WILLIAM STANLEY-Innocent, and returned to duty.

BACK TO DUTY,

4 officers cleared of lie charges

By WILLIE EGYIR

The four Baltimore city police officers charged with polygraph test lying were all found not guilty Thursday afternoon in the 9-day long police departmental hearing.

The officers are Sgt. William Stanley, 46; Agent Wallace Brenton, 26, Patrolman George Weber, 25; Det-Patrolman John Buscemi, 25.

Police Information Officer Bryan Joyce told the AFRO that the officers will be reinstated today (Friday) and reassigned. He added that the Commissioner of Police has accepted the findings of the trial board and is accordingly acting on its directions.

It was the decision of Deputy Commander Battaglia to transfer the four officers to new units.

As of today (Friday), Sgt. Stanley will move from the Tactical Section to Southwestern district; Agent Brenton from Southeastern to Northeastern; Patrolman Weber from the Criminal Investigation Division's Vice Squad to the Western district; and Patrolman Buscemi from the Vice Squad to the Eastern district.

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Sgt. Stanley told the AFRO: "I'm glad it's over, it was a traumatic experience for my family. I'm glad to be back at work and I'm going to do the job to the best of my ability like I did before this happened."

Sgt. Stanley added, "I don't have any hostilities toward anyone. I was innocent and God guided the decision to turn out the way it did. I thank God for the way it ended and I intend to serve Him faithfully.

"I want to thank the many people who maintained their faith in me, especially my pastor, Rev. Richard Clifford, and a very special thanks to John Peters of Freedom House."

As Deputy Commissioner Thomas Keyes, chairman of the 3-member hearing board pronounced the verdict, the accused officers embraced each other and shook hands with their lawyers.

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Sgt. Stanley, wearing green suit and brown shoes and, who had hitherto sat impassively jumped to his feet and shouted, "My God." He burst into tears and embraced his weeping wife Estelle, who never missed any of the hearing sessions.

Sgt. Stanley of the Tactical Squad, 16-year veteran of the police force, and the three officers were accused by the department of denying receiving pay-offs from persons identified as Dewey Watkins and Milton Boardly, both convicted of gambling and other persons known as Calman Berstein, Junior Comi and "Flathand."

The prosecution alleged that the four officers received the payoffs to allow a major Pennsylvania Ave-

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS—PART 2

'We offer services of AFRO to all our families'

(EDITOR'S NOTE): "My sister just died and I want to make sure the death notice is in the AFRO.

"Did my funeral director place it?"

"How can I get my funeral director to put the death notice in for my brother?"

These are typical of questions the AFRO receives weekly from its readers who want to read about the deaths of their loved ones and friends in this, their family newspaper.

Because all death notices are considered part of the funeral arrangements and handled by Baltimore City morticians, they are placed directly in newspapers by the funeral directors.

Many AFRO readers have pointed out that they could not understand why morticians who put such notices in dailies on Tuesdays and Fridays the days the AFRO publishes—didn't insert them also in the AFRO.

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AFRO readers, constant complaints about the funeral directors' failure to give such notices to this newspaper have resulted in this series of articles.

In the first installment, published last week, the AFRO interviewed Marshall W. Jones, president of the all-black Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of Maryland, Inc.

Mr. Jones told the AFRO his association which represents most of the area's black morticians (26 of 35), has no policy about death

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Julian, architect of city jobs, hails firemen

Baltimore City Councilman Emerson R. Julian (D-4), long an advocate of giving city residents preference for city jobs, called the firemen's case ruling, "a monumental decision."

"I think the implications are far-reaching, and I think the fire department does not stand alone; it might behove other departments in the city to read the handwriting on the wall."

Dr. Julian added: "It would be putting it mildly to say that I was pleased, when, in fact, I was overjoyed."

Councilman Julian first proposed legislation favoring city dwellers passed by voters last year.

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