Legislators may lose $9,500 from checks

ANNAPOLIS — At least five black legislators stand to lose over $9,000 in salary if the report from the General Assembly Compensation Committee is passed.

The House met Wednesday as a Committee of the Whole to study what should or can be done about the proposal, but took no action.

About the same time the Senate passed to a therd readers a Joint Resolution which rejects raises of $1,500 for legislators, from $11,000 to $12,500 and an increase of $4,000 for both House leaders from $13,000 to $17,000.

Sen. Clarence Blount, D-5th, one of the legislators who could be affected by the proposal says he is co-sponsoring another Senate Joint Resolution which calls for the junking of the entire report.

He says he is against the package because it "will either penalize or force out of the General Assembly quite a few black legislators."

Finding it "unconstitutional on the surface because it pays one legislator $3,500 for the same job it pays another $11,000," Sen. Blount says he hopes "the House rejects this."

He is employed at the Community College of Baltimore.

The committee report also sets up a new pension plan that appears to favor most retiring legislators, if they are reelected this year and increases daily stipends from $25 to $35

It also limits to $3,500 the additional money legislators publicly employed, such as school teachers and state employees, could get in addition to their other salaries.

Del. Pinkney Howell, D-5th, also a teacher, said that several House members supporting limiting the salaries are, "saying you can't draw two pays."

"But everyone else here is working another job and being paid," he charged.

Legislators in non-public positions would not be affected under the proposal.

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Del. Hattie Harrison, D-2nd, employed at Dunbar High School, called the package a "deliberate attempt to knock off some people coming into the legislature."

But Del. Harrison says if reelected she will be back.

"I'm going to be here. If it means only one job, then it means one job. I'll volunteer my services on the other if it comes to that," she declared.

A state employee, Del. Hilderdeis Boswell, D14th, said, "The only thing I have to say is that I'm preparing myself."

The attorney general's office's opinion is that legislators cannot legally vote to reject or accept certain provisions of the package.

House members were also told the legislature has until the end of the year to accept or reject. If no action is taken, the package becomes law Jan. 8, 1975.

MRS. MARY J. JENKINS
Funeral on Saturday

Teacher dies 2 months after her husband

Mrs. Mary Jenkins, 60, 3511 Springdale Ave., a Baltimore city teacher for 30 years, died unexpectedly on Wednesday at St. Agnes Hospital.

Her death followed by months that of her husband of 43 years, Forrest Jenkins. He died suddenly on December 28, 1973.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jenkins will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Liberty Heights and Denison St. The Kelson Funeral Home is making arrangements.

Born in Norfolk, Virginia, June 2, 1913, Mrs. Jenkins was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter (Nancy) Jordan.

She was a 1946 graduate of Morgan State College and did graduate work at Columbia University, Catholic University and Coppin State College.

At the time of her death, she was on the faculty of Francis M. Wood School No. 176.

Mrs. Jenkins was a member of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Modernistic Pals Social Club, Just Twelve Club, the Urban League, and was Secretary of the Morgan Alumni Association.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Theresa Carr, Mrs. Barbara Speight and Mrs. Norma Shaw, New York; six grandchildren, Raymond Carr, Barry and Robin Shaw, Misses Wendy Antoinette and Kelly Speight.

Also, three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Griffin, Mrs. Martha Hassell and Mrs. Helen McCormick, Norfolk, Va., and a brother, William Jordan, Hickory, Va.

Solomon hot over suit on Rosewood

Dr. Neil Solomon, State Health secretary, blamed the Federal suit filed against Rosewood State Hospital Feb. 21 on those "bunch of B...'s" (illegitimate children) in the Nixon Administration.

"I'm 100 per cent in agreement with the intent of the suit. I'm for upgrading the facilities for the juvenile delequient and mentally retarded but that takes money," the state secretary told the AFRO.

The Justice Department charged Solomon and Dr. Marvin Malcotti, Rosewood superintendent for "large scale deprivations" of the constitutional rights of the mentally retarded children at Rosewood.

Solomon said that he has approached the Federal Government steadily for funds since 1969 but has yet to receive satisfaction.

He further faults the Federal Government for pulling a "cheap political trick." "Just recently the Justice Department sent my Department a letter thanking us for our cooperation. Now they turn around and sue us," Solomon said angrily.

At the time, the Secretary does not know what course his department plans to take in the suit.

Brailey demands Mandel, Mayor 'save the children'

In a press conference Wednesday Del. Troy Brailey demanded that Mayor Schaefer and Gov. Mandel end the school strike and "save Baltimore's 180,000 school children."

He charged that the "deal" to include the firing of Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson was political maneuvering that is "criminal" and sacrifices the education of children.

He said, "I want to tell the citizens why 186,000 children are not attending school and why the teachers' strike continues.

"The reason for this is that the mayor and the president of the City Council want to fire Dr. Patterson.

"If they are allowed to do this, the strike will end tomorrow.

"The mayor had the deal all set up to fire Dr. Patterson the weekend of Feb. 15, but the news leaked out and he got cold feet.

"If the mayor and Orlinsky want to get rid of Dr. Patterson, that's one thing.

But to have 186,000 innocent school children caught up in a political cross fire is criminal (most of whom are poor and black). Some 6,000 or 7,000 of these students are seniors. They may not graduate in June.

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On Feb. 13, members of the Legislative Black Caucus met with the governor in reference to settling the teachers' strike.

We were told by him that the strike would be over by that weekend.

Mayor Schaefer met with the governor on Feb. 14. He also met with the governor on the morning of the Feb. 15.

After those meetings, reliable sources reported that the governor had agreed to give Baltimore City $2 to 3 million to settle the teachers' strike (it was also reported in the press that the governor had promised to give Baltimore City $2 to 3 million to settle the teachers' strike)

However, we have never heard from the mayor nor the governor as to what happened to those funds.

I admonished the mayor and the governor to get the kids back in school immediately."

Gary Thomas Missing 14 days

Gary Michael Thomas, 20, 100 block S. Eyeter St. has been missing from home since Jan. 14. The youth's mother, Mrs. Mable Thomas told the AFRO, "His wallet was found and mailed to me froom New York.

"All of his identification cards were in his wallet, but there was no money. I don't know if he is in New York because he has never been there."

The youth was last seen wearing a beige jacket, wearing a beige jacket, white knit cap, white sweatshirt, brown pants and tan shoes. He usually wears sun glasses and is 5'10".

Mr. Thomas weighs 150 pounds and has a bush. If you have seen this young man, contact his mother at 837-5038 or the police department.

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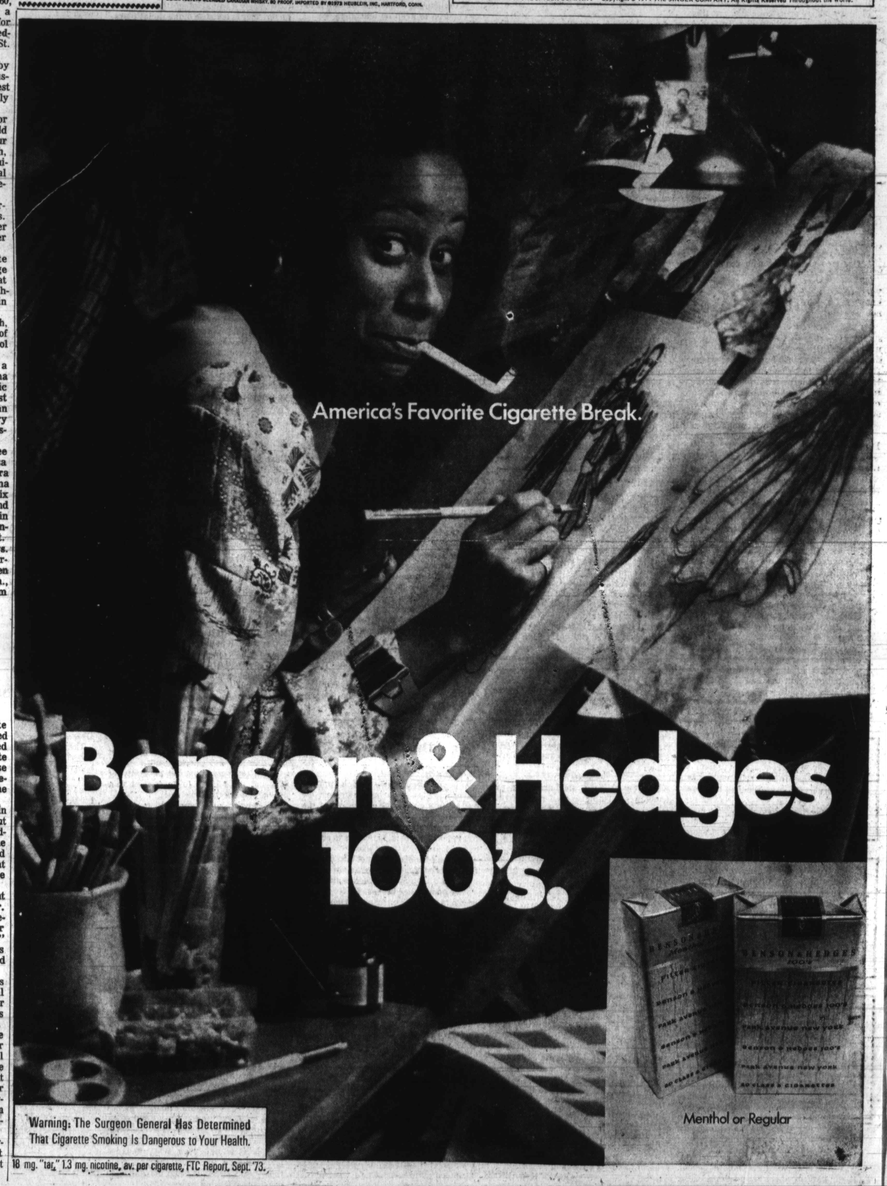

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Ward's plans decorating classes

Spring Interior Decorating classes are being offered by Montgomery Ward at their Baltimore, Monroe St. store starting the week of March 11 and will continue for eight consecutive weeks.

The decorating classes, taught by professional interior designers and teachers, are designed to give the homemaker a comprehensive knowledge of home decorating. Mrs. Thomasiano Scott, a graduate of University of Michigan, will conduct the classes at the Monroe Street store. Mrs. Scott has had wide experience in the home fashion field, as both a decorator and teacher. She has taught home furnishings at Morgan State College and will bring knowledge and experience to the Wards decorating classes.

The students enrolled will be taught the basic elements of design, furniture styles and room arrangements, the magic of color and how to work with fabrics and wall coverings. Each student will receive his own interior decorating book together with literature and various instructional material. There is a small registration fee required to enroll.

In addition to interior decorating consumer classes, Montgomery Ward also offers a speakers bureau, at no charge, to women's civic, religious and social groups on interior decorating, how to work with antiques and how to color coordinate. For information on both the interior decorating classes and the speakers bureau, call: 837-6000, ext. 789.

Mayor

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this school year and yet continue to reject the offer proposed to them.

"Next year is another year and they can let it be known that the battle is not over.

"They can carry their struggle to the site where it rightfully belongs and this to the state where so many legal experts contend the responsibility ultimately where the funding of education rests," reasoned the councilman.

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State Board of Education Director Dr. James Sensenbaugh has already announced that the lost school days will not be made up.

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Legislators told of need for black policy-makers

By Claudette Newson

Thanks to the efforts of two delegates the state Administration, if it had doubts before, should know that the black community needs, wants and intends to have its representatives in policy-making positions.

Dels. Isaiah Dixon and Lena K. Lee, both D-4th strategically sought to amend H.B. 771 to include the words, "a black minority representation."

The House, Thursday, debated over an hour on the bill which would set up a legislative committee to monitor the actions of the governor under the Emergency Energy Powers Act.

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Knowing the amendment would not pass because it is class legislation, the delegates argued that because blacks and poor people suffer most by the crisis they should have special representation on the committee, whose legislative members would be selected geographically.

"As long as this society is composed of blacks and whites there should be special representation of blacks," Del. Lee told House members.

The Legislative Black Caucus, she said "has had special problems in representing blacks," explaining that those difficulties are "not problems with policymakers but with little people who carry out policies."

She said that often black citizens cannot reach those in policy-making positions because of the people running interference at lower levels.

The amendment was introduced, she said, "so you will know the need to have blacks in policy-making positions to represent blacks."

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If there is some legislation you or your organization is interested in having introduced during this session of the General Assembly, March 4 is the last day bills may be introduced.

Baltimore residents may reach their representatives in Annapolis by calling this toll free number 269-0164 and asking for the Baltimore City Delegation Office.

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A bill to extend the life of the Maryland Commission on Negro History and Culture is to be introduced in the Senate by Sen. Verda Welcome, D-4th, and in the House by members of the Black Caucus.

The bill will also expand the commission work to include a study of American Indians on Maryland Life and Culture, says Dr. Franklin Showell, director of the commission.

Principal gets $2,500 in suit case

Isaiah E. White, principal of Gwynns Falls Junior High School No. 91 on Hilton St. filed a suit against the Baltimore Teachers Union, Godfrey Moore and Dennis C. Crosby, both employees of the union.

The suit was filed by Mr. White's attorney on Oct. 5, 1973 in Superior Court. A judgement was entered in favor of Mr. White for the sum of $2,500 against the defendant Dennis C. Crosby on Feb. 5. However, Mr. White had ask the court for $50,000.

According to court records, Dennis C. Crosby printed a statement on Feb. 24, 1973 about Mr. White. The statement was distributed to all teachers employed by the school system.

It said, "Mr. Isaiah White is apparently up to his old tricks. If he is not attacking a teacher, his 'sortie' is upon the teaching profession in general. Mr. White's own terminology describes his latest attempt to divide teachers and the community."

Mr. White claims Mr. Crosby and the Baltimore Teachers Union tried to injure his reputation and expose him to hatred, contempt and ridicule among honorable men, particularly those of his profession.

Detroit case argued in high court

The Supreme Court was asked Wednesday to uphold court orders for school desegregation in Detroit on the grounds Michigan has surrounded 133,000 urban black school children with a ring of white suburban schools.

Arguing in opposition, Michigan Attorney General Frank J. Kelley told the nine justices Michigan never had engaged in segregation.

The case is a Michigan appeal of desegregation orders affecting three counties and 53 suburban school districts surrounding Detroit. It was handed down by U.S. District Judge Stephen J. Roth of Detroit and upheld by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Supreme Court will hand down an opinion some time before it adjourns in June.

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Kelley characterized Roth's desegregation order as "a remedy in search of a violation" and said both Roth and the appeals court had assumed "a self-asserting role to attain a social goal."

Attorneys for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund which initiated the case, argued the lower courts had found evidence of conventional segregation practices in Detroit with the resulting concentration of black pupils in the inner city.

LDF attorney Nathaniel R. Jones of New York argued that a long history of education in Michigan showed the state has had responsibility for it.

Asked by Justice Byron R. White whether it would be fair to hike the taxes of the 53 white school districts in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties to take care of increased costs of educating city children, Jones said, yes. (UPI)

Legislative Hearings

Annapolis — "Marriages are difficult to get out of, so perhaps one of the answers to rising divorce rates and problems will be to make them more difficult to get into," says Del. Frank Conaway, D-4th.

He explained, Wednesday, to members of the House Judiciary reasons for seeking passage of his bill requiring extended waiting periods between application and issuance of a marriage license.

He said longer waiting periods would especially help young persons who often rush into marriage "without serious thought."

It would also give mature persons time to enter into ante-nuptial agreements (Contracts on dissolution of the marriage if it should fail.) before ceremonies he explained.

The bill is supported by the subcommittee on family law of the Baltimore Bar Association.

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Del. Walter Dean, D-5th, testified Wedne-day be'ore the Ways and Means Committee on two bills to aid veteran education.

One bill provides scholarships for Prisoners of War.

"The bill will allow POWs to attend any state college, the University of Maryland, or any community college in the state, tuition free," said Del. Dean.

A second veterans bill, H.B. 582, will waive resident residency requirements for veterans.

"If the residency requirements are raised, veterans from the District of Columbia and other nearby places will be able to attend Maryland institutions without paying an out-of-state fee "the delegate said.

A bill before the Judicial Proceedings Committee requires the written convent of a buyer before his credit account can be transferred to a sales finance company or holder.

Sen. Robert L. Dalton (D-2nd) sponsor of the bill, says that when a store sells an account to a finance company without knowledge and consent of a buyer, a lot of confusion arises.

Sen. Dalton says if the buyer continues sending payments to the business from which he bought the merchandise and that business does not forward the payment promptly, the buyer receives a bad credit record through no fault of his own.

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Sammy out and resting

MIAMI BEACH (UPI) — Sammy Davis Jr. was released Wednesday from Mt. Sinai Hospital, in good spirits and apparently recovered from a "gastro-intestinal disorder" which felled him Monday.

"I feel fine, but my doctor says for me to get a good rest," said the singer-actor as he emerged from the hospital.

The 48-year-old Davis was hospitalized Monday afternoon when he complained of severe pains in his lower chest and upper abdominal region. The pains were diagnored as a gastro-intestinal disorder and not coronary trouble.

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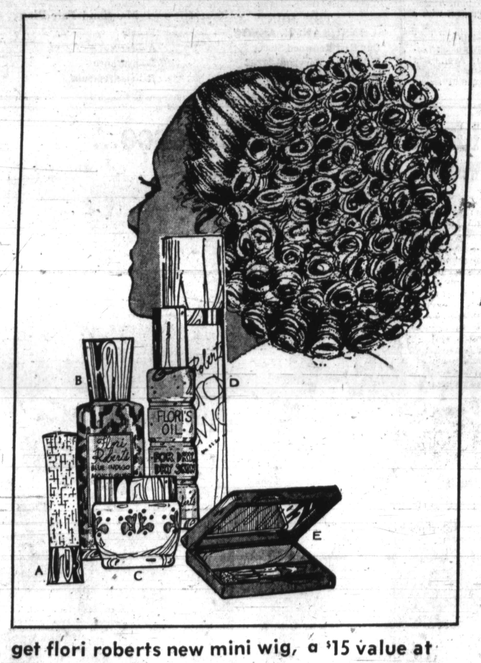

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