Mourners from all walks of life attend last rites for seven fire victims

LAST RITES at First Baptist Church witnessed an unprecedented occasion as the seven caskets reposed at the foot of the alter banked with floral designs. Mourners filled the main auditorium, the balcony and stood silently wherever they could find space. Noteworthy were the tributes from Social Security, Patterson High, Northern Parkway Junior High, Bethlehem Steel and Chinquipin Middle School, the congregation, neighbors and friends.

FLOWER GIRLS — More than 50 floral arrangements are carried out of the church by students from Patterson High and Norhern Parkway Junior High.

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FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES are shown grieving and consoling each other as they leave the church.

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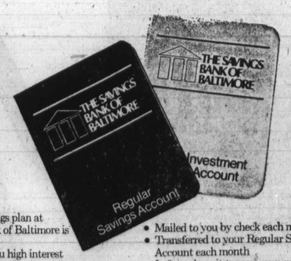

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Bills passed

(AFRO Bureau)

Annapolis — Three bills, providing for smoking regulations in public places have been approved by both Houses and sent to Gov. Mandel to sign.

The bills, introduced by Sen. Verda F. Welcome, (D-40) provide for prohibition of smoking on elevators and buses and the regulation of smoking in health institutions, offices and public school property.

Originally, the bills had passed the Senate only to be voted on unfavorably by the House Environmental Committee.

However, that vote was reconsidered and the bills were reported to the floor with amendments. The bills are now identical to those House bills introduced by Del. Steven V. Sklar, (D-42) and passed by the House.

PATTERSON HIGH STUDENTS served as pallbearers. Miss Marlene Terry, age 17, would have graduated in June.

Marriage permits

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ROBINSON-CYGAN — Robert D. 34, 34 N. Presson; Joyce, 35, 1425 Gusryan.

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MITCHELL-STAGG — Lonnie, 30, 2537 Boarman; Sheila O., 28, 4018 W. Garrison.

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SURVIVING MEMBER OF THE TERRY FAMILY, Mrs. Blondeila Earl, leaves the church with her husband, Shawn Earl. Mrs. Earl jumped from a second floor window after throwing her two children, Shawn, 2 months, and Anthony Shawn, 4, to a neighbor below.

APRIL 9

"Educating for Leadership in Community Problem Solving," is the topic of a keynote address to be delivered by Dr. Daniel Thursz, dean of the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning, at a symposium sponsored by the Educational Symposium Program of the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. The symposium is set for April 9 and 10

Black senators back Lamdin but abstain on Batterton

By Angela Chatman
(AFRO Bureau)

Annapolis — "I find it very difficult to support this man in view of the fact that not any slot in the cabinet has a minority," said Sen. Robert L. Douglass, (D-45).

He added:—"A great deal of efforts hould have been expended to keep at least one minority in the cabinet."

Mr. Douglass was of the five black senators who refused to vote to confirm the appointment of Richard Batterton as Secretary of the Department of Employment and Social Services.

The senators were protesting what they considered to be "an affront" committed by the governor in not asking their advice in filling that position with a black person.

Sen. Clarence W. Blount, (D-41) said, "In representing the 41 district, I shall take the same action as my colleague from the 45th district. What the Senator and I are trying to say...is to dramatize the situation.

"We are talking about being included in the mainstream of American life," asserted Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell, III (D-38). "We have a distance to go and I would hope that somebody would begin to get the message that we want in also."

Sen. Verda F. Welcome, (D-40). "We are asking for representation here. We want to be a part too."

She pointed out that Batterton was her good friend of her and she thought him capable but she could not vote for him.

"We represent 18 per cent of the people of the State of Maryland and we don't have anyone on the cabinet, "said Sen. Tommie Broadwater, (D-25), Prince Georges County.

"We weren't even asked whether or not we had anyone we wanted to support for that post. In the future they should take heed."

Stating that he did not want the appointment to become a black-white issue, Sen. Julina Lapides, (D-39) asserted, "The Cabin et is not a reflection of Maryland-the cross section of Maryland's population. Unfairness and prejudice still exist in this state. I do think that a large segment of the population...particularly in the high levels of the administration."

Sen. Meyer M. Emanuel Jr. (D-22), Prince Georges County, agreed but added— "However, I am going to vote for the secretary...he's an 'excellent choice. I, too, want to be part of that message."

"On behalf of the women, who represent 52 per cent of the state....," Sen. Rosalie S. Abrams, (D-42) reflected, "I would like to send a message that we believe he has not tapped our resources also."

The vote confirming the Batterton appointment was 39-40 with the five black senators and Sen. Lapides abstaining.

However, those same senators voted somewhat differently when the Senate approved by a 29-16 vote the reappointment of Judge I. Sewell Lamdin to the First District Court Bench in Baltimore City for a ten-year term.

Only Sen. Verda F. Welcome abstained from voting for Lamdin and Sen. Julian Lapides voted against him while the other four black senators supported him following a three-hour debate.

Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell, III explained, "The weight of the evidence has not been substantial enough for us not to confirm this gentleman."

He added, "If we are going to impose upon him the responsibility of what went on during all those times then I think we should start to remove a lot of men from the state's judiciary."

Sen. Clarence Blount said, "There is no great deal of evidence against the man."

These statements referred to the fact that Judge Lamdin was chief judge of the old Traffic Court when the grand jury initiated an investigation into alleged traffic ticket fixing in 1970.

Two judges lost their seats on the bench following the exposure, but there was no evidence to connect Judge Lamdin with the scandal.

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Bill to license social workers

(AFRO Bureau)
By Angela Chatman

Annapolis — On Wednesday, the State Senate voted down House Bill 931 providing for licensing of social workers, by a close vote of 23-20.

The vote against the bill, which has the support of legislators from Prince George's and Montgomery counties, was a rather ironic one.

Only the night before Senate Bill 1026, the companion to House Bill 931, squeeked by on third reader by a vote of 24-18.

"This bill requires that a social worker who goes to school and gets a degree in social work can not use that degree and get a job because the bill says that you can not palm yourself off as a social worker unless you have a license," said Sen. Robert L. Douglass, (D-45).

Douglass was among those who fought unsuccessfully against the Senate bill.

"I think we are setting ourselves up to some kind of ivory tower," he added.

Douglass was joined in his opposition by Sen. Harry J. McGuirk, (D-37) though he had voted for who indicated that, although the Senate Bill the night before, he would vote against the House Bill and would hope that the earlier vote could be reconsidered.

Among those voting against the bill were Senators Douglass, Clarence W. Blount, (D-41); Verda F. Welcome, (D-40) and Tommie Broadwater, (D-24) of Prince George's County.

Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell III' (D-38), who voted for the Senate Bill was not present for the vote on the House Bill.

The bill was strongly opposed by members of the National Association of Black Social Workers, while being just as, or more strongly supported by members of the National Association of Social Workers.

At present, a move to reconsider the vote on Senate Bill 1026 must be delayed until this bill can be sent back to the Senate.

It has already been assigned to the Ways and Means Committee in the House and the House must now agree to return it for consideration.

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House Bill 1694 which also provides for a penalty for up to one year in prison and up to $1,000 fine was introduced by Del. DeCatur W. Trotter, (D-25), Prince George's County and co-sponsored by Del. David Gray Ross, (D-24), Prince George's County

The bill has been referred to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

MURDER INFO

By a vote of 71-45, the House passed a measure providing for the creation of a Murder Information Reward Fund.

Bill 201, introduced by Delegates Richard W. Emory and William J. McDonna Jr., (D-39), provides for a reward of up to $5,000 for information leading to a conviction.

The bill has 45 co-sponsors. It has been referred to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

LANDLORD-TENANT

Senate Bill 1112, introduced by Sen. Clarence W. Blount, (D-41), has passed the House by a vote of 109-0. The bill requires that a landlord be held responsible for the quality and conditions of his property during the entire time it is inhabited by the tenant.

The bill now goes to the governor.

DOMICILIARY CARE

A measure providing for a $1 million bond for loans for demiciliary care homes in Md. has been enacted

Senate Bi 207, introduced by Sen. Wenda F. Welcome, (D-41), passed the House of Delegates by a vote of 86-0.

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