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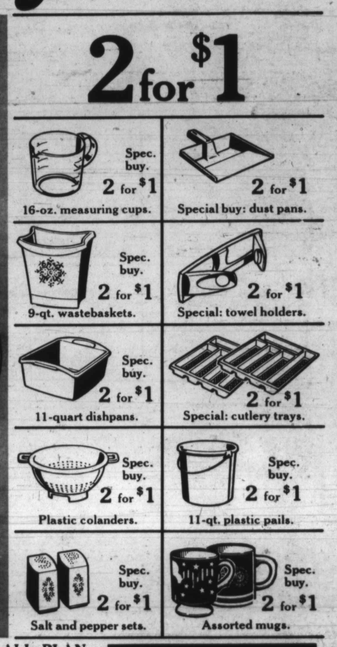

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'Patterson can not be fired'

(Don't miss—Dwight Petitt, attorney, explains how School Board violates Superintendent Patterson's constitutional rights. — See Page 5

"What it amounts to is Dr. Patterson can not be fired, at least the school board can not fire him. The injunction enjoins for 10 days any further action by the board pending an order of the court."

Charlee Lee, speaking for school Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson's chief lawyer, Larry Gibson, thus summed up the injunction signed by Supreme Bench Judge Joseph A. Howard Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Lee, his law partner, said Gibson was still in Mississippi.

DECIDED VICTORY

The temporary restraining order, a decided victory for Dr. Patterson "in the first round," barred the school board from holding the hearing set for this morning (Friday) on the educator's tenure.

Dr. Patterson, jubilant, told the AFRO, "I am very much pleased. It's a very important step for me. Justice is stepping in."

When the first "resign or be fired" edict was handed down by the board, Dr. Patterson through attorney Gibson vowed to "fight it all the way through the courts."

Mr. Lee said the Circuit Court exparte injunction filed in over 100 pages and some 68 seperate parts, alleged Dr. Patterson's right to due process under the Constitution had been violated.

BOARD MAY APPEAL

The steps taken by Dr. Patterson were hotly contested by the board's attorney, Deputy City Solicitor Ambrose T. Hartman, who said he will immediately seek an "expedited appeal".

Such a legal step would go to the Court of Special Appeals in Annapolis and can possibly take so much time the school board hearing will be unable to proceed within the next few weeks.

The temporary restraining order expires in 10 days unless overturned by an appeal.

Patterson's Attorney Gibson plans to seek a permanent injunction against Patterson's dismissal until the board complies with Gibson's demand for "proper legal procedures."

NO COMMENT

Board President Attorney Norman P. Ramsey refused the AFRO any comment on the blocking of the hearing

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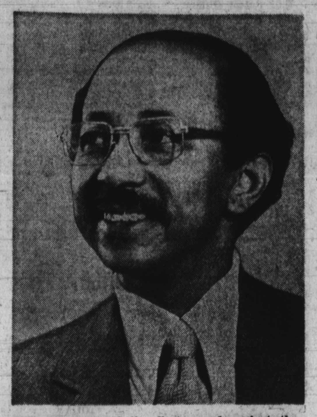

THE WINNER of the first round against the School Board, Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson.

BI, police guard Patterson, family

After the cancelling of the War Memorial hearing on the matter of the tenure of the superintendent of the Baltimore schools, city police went back to "normal" duty and small security efforts at the Soul Festival in Charles Center today thru Sunday.

However, the AFRO learned special forces are keeping an eye on D. Roland N. Patterson and his family as they have been doing for a period they discretely term "some time now."

The AFRO also learned through a family spokesman that the FBI went on the alert "some time ago" when anonymous calls at the Patterson home warned of bombs. The FBI began watch in May.

"They couldn't even go outside to empty the trash. Bombs were supposed to have been placed there," the AFRO was told.

PHONE CALLS

The Patterson home has been subjected to countless phone calls, both good and bad. However, the "bad ones" have presented a problem and as friends say, "Conditions under which no one in civilized society should have to live."

The phone calls are also termed "cruel" for a man wife and children who have done nothing to merit any such torment.

Chief of Patrol Bishop Robinson and Deputy Lt. Col. James A. Watkins told the AFRO, "As long

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Did white gangsters direct the Point bank robbery trio ?

Two men convicted, woman acquitted

Two men charged along with a woman for the March 11, robbery of the Dundalk Provident Savings Bank told a Federal Court jury Wednesday, "four white men demanded that we rob the bank."

The three defendants were confined to city Jail since the day of the bank robbery under a total of $110,000 federal bond. The bank is located in the 5200 block North Point Blvd.

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Keith Speed and Jesse L. Townes were convicted of the bank robbery and face a 25 year sentence. Miss Gloria K. Smith, also charged with participating in the robbery, was acquitted.

Keith Speed, 24, 1500 block the Alameda, is held in lieu of $25,000 bond and Jesse L. Townes, 49, has bail set at $50,000.

Townes and Miss Smith live in the 1500 block Matthews St. The three defendants were confined to City Jail March 11.

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Townes testified Speed came past his house and asked him and his girlfriend, to ride to Bethlehem Steel with him to get his check.

The witness told the jury they stopped on the road to assist "what they thought was a disabled car."

However, Townes testified, "When I got out of the car to help the men, a white man pointed a gun at me and told us to get in their car."

Townes continued, "There were four white men who told us, 'we want you to go in the bank and take the money out. Don't take long and if you do not do what we want you to, we will kill the girl."

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When asked by Assistant U. S. Attorney Bob Rohrbough to describe the white men, Townes hesitated and stated, he only remembered one of the men had long blonde hair and wore a band around his head.

According to Townes' testimony, he participated in the bank robbery because he was afraid the men would kill his girlfriend.

He told the jury he jumped over the counter to get money from two of the bank tellers while Speed was holding a gun.

"When we got back in the car, Speed was driving and the men told us to go up the rode and get out of the car. One of the white men took us through a wooded area and across the water." Townes testified.

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"When we got back in the car, Speed was driving and the white man told us

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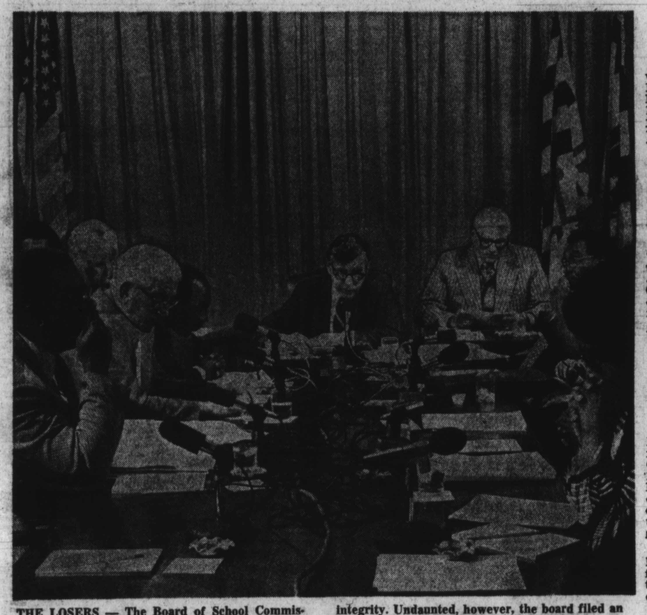

THE LOSERS — The Board of School Commissioners lost the battle when the court ruled that its denial of due process brings Dr. Patterson irreparable injury to his good name, reputation and integrity. Undaunted, however, the board filed an appeal in two courts this morning (Friday) still hoping to proceed with dismissal efforts.

Fr. Franklin nabbed again

Father Patrick H. Franklin, convicted minister of the St. Martin's Church, was arrested June 10 when his bondsman, Leonard Moyer, surrendered him to the courts because he was "traveling too much on speaking engagements."

His attorney, Michael B. Mitchell, told the AFRO following the surrender that the minister was incarcerated at the City Jail until June 18 when he was set free on a reduced $5,000 bond. Father Franklin's church posted $250 hard cash as security.

The minister, according to Mr. Mitchell, was on unsecured bond of $25,000 when Mr. Moyer, the bondsman, became worried over his travels.

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Father Franklin, 55, 3500 block Garrison Blvd., was sentenced to eight years for violating state handgun law following a shooting incident in which a city youth was killed. He has been granted a new trial on this charge.

The minister was acquitted of the murder charge by a jury under Judge James A. Perrott.

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Mr. Mitchell said Father Franklin whose church is located at 2114-30 Madison Ave., was traveling to Detroit and Washington on speaking engagements and

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FR. P. H. FRANKLIN

August 11

This is an important date —August 11, 1975—it's the LAST date voters may register in order to vote in the Sept. 8 Primary Election for mayor and other city officials, including comptroller, president of city council and council members. Register now—you can do so by picking up mail applications at public libraries, stores and shopping centers, and all Urban Service Agencies. Do SO TODAY.

Condition of 11-year-old still serious

Lawrence Roberts, 11, remains in "serious condition" at University Hospital, after being beaten in the head on June 14, by a 38-year-old white man.

William H. Ohl Jr. of the 1000 block Boyd St., is confined at City Jail under $13,000 bail. Police report he is charged with assault with intent to murder the Roberts youngster.

According to police, Ohl hit the youth in the head with a cane and stated, "That is one N . . . . I got rid of. I will have to get rid of a couple more."

Lawrence lives with his parents in the 1000 block W. Baltimore St. and is a fourth grade student at Elementary School 161, 1000 block W. Saratoga St.

Police report Lawrence was riding his bike with a white playmate, Kevin Salley, 11, in the 1000 block Boyd St. when Ohl called the boys to his house.

Kevin told the police he rode over to Ohl's house but Lawrence stayed on his bike. Witnesses told the police the white man went over to Lawrence and hit him in the right temple and knocked him off his bicycle.

4TST ANNUAL CAMPAIGN BEGINS

AFRO Clean Block opens today

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers' award winning 41st Annual Clean Block Campaign opened today (Friday) at the McCulloh Homes Housing Development Auditorium. (See inside Clean Block Page).

During the meeting attended by captains, co-captains and advisors from 100 city blocks, instructions were given on how to win honor flags and share in more than $5,000. cash.

Highlight was the presentation of $200 by Chester Dorsey, representin General Electric employees at Columbia Md.

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The Clean Block prize fund now stands at $1,397.68 half of which was raised by a benefit Bullets-Hawks game at Capital Center.

Consultants on the program included members of the Baltimore Fire Department who brought along fire trucks and information on the Save-A-Life Campaign.

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Also participating were Edward J. Moore, chief,

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$10.8 million Summer Youth Program starts June 25

Calling it the "biggest and best ever," Mayor Schaefer helped kick off the 1975 Summer Youth Program Thursday.

The massive program effort is designed to benefit the youth, communities in which they live and the entire city.

The Office of Manpower Resources coordinated program focusses on productive projects, fun, entertainment, educational activities and food, with emphasis on broad participation. It represents over $10.8 million of carefully planned activities in the metropolitan area.

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Approximately 11,000 youth will be involved in the summer corps employment program, with an additional 1,500 youths participating in work experience programs in the metropolitan counties.

The recreation programs will serve some 150,000 youth with activities galore.

The Summer Lunch Program will serve over a million lunches to city youngsters in the summer, or 28,000 free and nutritious meals per day.

Schaefer pointed out that all of these programs are the result of year round planning, broad-based community participation, and a tremendous spirit of cooperation among units of city, state, and federal government.

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The mayor called this year's program "a summer of work, fun, and variety—something for everyone"

The 8-week program, will provide thousands of economically disadvantaged youth, ages 14-21, with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience at some 700 work sites, including city agencies and community groups. They are paid $2.10 an hour for a 32-hour week.

"But more importantly," Mayor Schaefer said, "The Summer Corps enrollees can earn self-respect and great satisfaction from the important and beneficial contributions they make to Baltimore City and its residents.

"From theatrical performances for the elderly, to the clean-up of adopted vacant lots, Baltimore Summer Corps enrollees will be making Baltimore better and brighter."

Baltimore Summer Corps

This program provides more than 10,700 14-21 year-olds from low income families with jobs paying $2.10 per hour in an 8½-week program (32 hours per week). They will work in more than 700 worksites including city agencies, community groups where they make visible improvement or provide beneficial services for the city.

Baltimore Urban Corps

Employs 150 college work-study students on basis of financial need. The program is to help them get exposed to workings of government by placing them in specially created positions in city agencies.

Federal Summer Aide Program

Employ about 1,000 in-school youth ages 16-21 whose families receive public assistance. The youth spend the summer as interns in federal agencies located in the metropolitan area.

Youth Power

About 400 qualified and eager youth will work for homeowners involving nine community based odd-jobs banks. The enrollees work at jobs that include lawn mowing, window washing and baby-sitting. Prospective employers can call 396-5542 to be referred to the community odd - job bank in the area.

Summer Lunch Program

Provides more than 28,000 free meals a day to children under 21 from with low-income. Lunches are served at over 200 sites at recreation centers, churches, camps.

Camp Concern

Serves approximately 5,400 underprivileged youth (600 different youth each week) in a day-camping program that offers a wide variety of recreational activities. It serves youths between the ages of 10 and 18.

Camp Variety

It is a unique day-camping program that serves about 315 physically and mentally handicapped children between the ages of 3-21. With a carefully trained staff, the camp offers very special recreational activities.

Fort Meade Camping Program

This day camp serves more than 800 youths (100 each week) who are 17 and under, and reside in public housing. Fort Meade provides the facilities, with the Reserves and Recreation providing staff, the Housing Authority provides transportation, and the Office of Manpower Resources providing funds and free lunches. A similar program will also be operated at Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Operation Birdland And Cometland

These projects provide trips to Oriole and Comet games, with admission and transportation provided free of charge.

NCAA Summer Sports Program

Four area colleges, Hopkins, Loyola, Community College of Baltimore, and Morgan State, sponsor day camping programs for economically disadvantaged

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