Government's ruling on Dr. Patterson's $1 million suit due Monday

By Clarence W. Hunter

U.S. District Court Judge Joseph H. Young is expected to rule Monday on Dr. Roland N. Patterson's $1 million suit against seven members of the Board of School Commissioners.

When Judge Young steps to the bench to announce his decision, he will have read and studied between 4,000 and 5,000 pages of printed material on the events that led to the suit.

Included in an "ocean" of papers the jurist has had to read are the May, 1975 evaluation transcripts totaling 678 pages; transcripts of the July dismissal hearing, totaling 2,500 pages; 70 pages of briefs and the pretrial depositions of Dr. Patterson and all seven members of the School Board, totaling 400 pages.

Judge Young has also reviewed some 70 or 80 exhibits, a few well over 50 pages and court-filed documents concerning the case which total over 100 pages.

Dr. Patterson is suing seven members of the School Board for violation of his civil rights. Should the ruling be in his favor, he could be awarded $1 million damages and returned to his $50,000 a year job as superintendent of public instruction.

Being sued are Norman P. Ramsey, former president of the School Board; Commissioners Mrs. Shella Sachs, Grover L. McCrea, Howard Marshall, Oscar Helm, Dr. Eugene Scott, and former commissioner Robert W. Schaefer.

When the trial began March 1, court officials had expected it to last several weeks.

However Larry S. Gibson, Dr. Patterson's attorney, called Dr. Patterson as his only witness and the case was completed in a week.

During the trial, Gibson contended that Dr. Patterson's right to due process was violated in that the Board refused to give him sufficient notice of the hearings and charges lodged against him.

Gibson further contended that the Board further violated Patterson's rights when they accused him of "dishonesty, lack of credibility, deceit and violations of the law," which prevented him from successfully finding employment and damaged his good name and reputation.

According to judicial experts, during the trial Gibson scored high on key points in his case.

The decision in the Patterson suit will not only affect the future of Dr. Patterson and his samily but also the School Board, school officials and the four finalist for the post of permanent superintendent.

The School Board's search committee announced at the end of February that it had completed interviews of Dr. John L. Crew, currently interim superintendent; Dr. Benjamin Whitten, director of vocational education; Dr. Samuel Banks, director of social studies department, and Dr. Matthew Prophet, deputy superintendent of the Lansing, Mich., school

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NEW PHOTO — The Baltimore City School Board in a recent pose by School Photographer J. D. Howard includes (seated) Student Commissioner Pamela McAdory of Douglass High School; Dr. Berry Williams, vice president; Mark Joseph, president; Mrs. Shela Sachs. (Standing) Oscar Helms, Dr. Eugene Scott, Grover McCrea, David Sloan and Howard Marshall. Not shown is Student Commissioner Earl Wren of Northwestern High School.

Mayor names Dr. Saunders, Miss Benton to serve on board

Mayor Schaefer has appointed Miss Helen Benton and Dr. Monroe R. Saunders Sr. to serve on the Commission on Aging and Retirement Education for a term of two years.

The Commission on the Aging and Retirement Education was established in 1973 by Ordinance 261 as the successor to the Baltimore Coordinating Council on Problems of the Aging which had been in existence since 1963.

The intent of the reorganization was to create an agency which will better serve to coordinate governmental programs and develop the public and private resources needed to enable the elderly to remain full participants in the community after retirement.

Miss Benton is a native Baltimorean and a graduate of Douglass High and Cortez Peters Business School. She has worked for 30 years with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in the Social Security Administration before retiring. She is the Hiram Grand Masonic Lodge's Grand Matron of the Naomi Chapter.

She is presently director of Christain Education for the Memorial Baptist Church, secretary to the United Baptist Women in Maryland and a trustee for the Maryland Baptist Home for the Aged.

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Miss Benton is the past president and current coordinator of the Women's Convention U.B.M.C. of Maryland and vice president of the Women's Auxiliary Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.

Mayor Schaefer stated, "Due to Miss Benton's excellent background and avid interest in human affairs, I believe that she will make a valuable member of the Commission on Aging and Retirement Education."

Dr. Monroe R. Saunders Sr.

Dr. Monroe Saunders is a graduate of Howard University, where he received a bachelor of arts degree and a bachelor of divinity degree.

His active involvement in religion began during his military service years leading to the founding of a church in Washington.

He is the founder of First United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, which became the official headquarters for a network of churches in England, Africa, the Caribbean, Canada and America incorporated as the United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic.

He has also served in the area of civic, community and welfare affairs. Due to his excellent record in civic services, Mayor Schaefer said Dr. Saunders will make a "constructive member of the Commission on Aging and Retirement Education."

Dr. Saunders is married to Mrs. Alberta Brockington Saunders and has six children and two grandchildren.

NEW MEMBERS sworn in Wednesday on the Commission on Aging and Retirement Education for a term of two years are (L to R) in photo by J. D. Howard, Mayor Schaefer, Commissioners Miss Helen Benton and Dr. Monroe Saunders. Mrs. Alberta Brockington Saunders, wife of the minister, accompanied him at the ceremonies.

For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

THE AFRO'S ASTROLOGER, Moby Dick, has nationwide headlines due to his prediction that GOV. JIMMY CARTER of Georgia is the NEXT U.S. PRESIDENT.

The famed man, head of the University of Hawaii Department of Astronomy and Astrology, writes in the AFRO's Dawn Magazine and is usually right in predictions made scientifically from astrological charts.

A scholar in Bible history and many languages, he ranks among the No. 1 group of horoscope personalities.

Moby Dick's astrology class with Marsha German as his assistant, did the charts of PRESIDENT FORD, who they say will resign because of illness and will not finish his term. This has been said by other leading astrologists.

UNFORTUNATELY Moby Dick says, Ronald Reagan will not win due to some incident which will occur tragically in April.

AS TO HUBERT HUMPHREY, Moby Dick says he will not "come near" the president's chair.

MOBY DICK is an interesting person who resides in the heart of Honolulu. With his offices at home high enough above the beautiful city to see the ocean, he has visitors from around the world.

He uses the symbol of the whale (named Moby Dick) on his door and wears fascinating garb. Jolly and witty, he is noted for his sparkling eyes and ruddy complexion.

HONOLULU is fascinating in that the Hawaiian people love wondrous tales of their old gods and goddesses; festivals of all kinds and celebrations for just any and all occasions.

THE OPENING and closing of the General Assembly is a time for hula dancers to perform and bring out all the lovely flowers of the island in a rainbow of living color. Music is always in the air.

A DELIGHTFUL place, it is called "Paradise" and the "Land of Eternal Summer." They say if you ever taste the water or get sand in your shoes, you will return one day.

THIS IS TRUE, I know. When we were there immediately after World War I to reside and write for the AFRO, we thought, my daughter and I, that we would never again see such a grand place.

However, almost 25 years later, she is a permanent resident and I have the good luck to go sometimes twice a year. And, this Easter, will visit again with my four grandbabies.

HAROLD JENNIFER, the Civic Center director, had a visitor last week two of his Springfield College classmates who brought him good newsy.

Here is the letter from Alumni Director Harold G. Lynch:

DEAR ACE: — There are those moments in the life of an Alumni Director which can truly be described as golden moments. At this particular time in my career at Springfield, I am in the midst of one of those golden moments.

I have been asked by the Springfield College Alumni Council to notify you that you have been named to receive the Tarbell Medallion on Saturday, May 29, 1976.

At its most recent meeting, the Alumni Council approved unanimously your nomination by the Tarbell Medallion Committee.

HIGH HONOR

Ace, this is an honor richly deserved and long overdue. No one knows more than I how deep your love for the college is, how much you have done for the college, and what an outstanding representative you are for Springfield.

Rather than go into detail now, I will merely say that the award will be presented at the Alumni Luncheon on Saturday, May 29, 1976 at 12 noon.

THE TARBELL MEDALLION is the highest award the Alumni Association can give to one of its members for service to the college. As I stated earlier, you are most deserving of this recognition.

I plan announcing this in the April issue of the Springfield College Bulletin, thus I will need a recent photo and an up-to-date vita. Please send this material to me as soon as possible, I will be waiting to hear from you.

P.S. Ace, since I consider you to be a good friend, am thrilled to have the opportunity of notifying you of this important honor.

HAROLD JENNIFER is going to retire sometime later this year.

HOWEVER, it seems the Civic Center Commission is JUMPING THE GUN. A large advertisement in the Wednesday, March 24 VARIETY magazine says Robert Hillman, Civic Center chairman, 810 W. R. Grace Bldg., wants to hear from persons who can qualify for the Baltimore Civic Center manager's post.

"GENERAL MANAGER", the ad terms it and lists the salary as in the $30,000 range.

TO QUALIFY, the ad says, one must handle simultaneously major theatrical presentations in the main arena, trade shows, exhibits, meetings and banquets.

THE AD claims the Baltimore facility needs someone to fully develop the capabilities of "one of America's most dynamic, metropolitan "arenas."

WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE Harold Jennifer who has served 12 years without a single flaw, what's the matter with all this?

We'll have to explore it fully next week.

FATE IS STRANGE — too strange sometimes. In Baltimore are relatives of the famed Harriett Tubman.

DURING THIS BICENTENNIAL, everybody is writing about the lady who freed some 300 slaves through her one-of-a-kind operation The Underground Railroad.

HOWEVER, not one person has gone to the relatives to ask permission or to check with them on facts.

THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW.

NEXT WEEK, the AFRO will tell in story and photos what the REAL TUBMANS have to say.

The Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor offers enrollees in Job Corps residential centers room and board, clothing for work and dress, books and other learning supplies and a cash allowance, part of which is paid on leaving the program after satisfactory participation.

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Divorce case delayed by reluctant witness

A divorce case being heard by Judge David Ross in Circuit Court is delayed because a woman witness has refused to answer certain questions.

The divorce case involves Dr. and Mrs. William (Mildred) Hall.

Through her attorney, John Alexander Jr., Mrs. Hall has asked the court to compel the woman witness to answer the questions.

Judge Ross' reply, which has not been filed as yet, will determine what legal steps will be taken next.

INVOKES THE 5TH

The reluctant witness is registered in court records as Ms. Linda Sue Williams, employed with the physical therapy department of Sinai Hospital.

Ms. Williams appeared Feb. 19, for the taking of her deposition and was represented by counsel.

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Ms. Williams testified as to matters pertaining to her name, date of birth, past addresses, statistics indicating her height, weight, age, place and length of employment and to her driver's license and car.

Except for this testimony, she invoked "her alleged Fifth Amendment privilege against self incrimination" throughout the deposition and declined to answer the vast majority of questions asked.

THE QUESTIONS

According to court records, Ms. Williams would not answer questions relating to her knowledge "of relationship and cohabitation with Dr. Hall and her knowledge of particulars to his marriage and his children and trips taken and public events attended with Dr. Hall."

The record also states Ms. Williams refused to answer questions concerning "gifts and support received from Dr. Hall and other things."

Ms. Williams would not answer on the basis of self incrimination, questions relating to her marital status. Her attorney also instructed her not to answer certain questions about her income.

Mr. Alexander, counsel for Mrs. Hall, then filed an amended motion to compel her to answer all questions.

WIFE CHARGES

Dr. and Mrs. Hall were married Oct. 11, 1952 and have five children. Court records state, "On numerous occasions since the marriage, Dr. Hall has committed adultery."

Court records reveal, "Dr. Hall abandoned his wife and such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly to the present and the marriage is beyond any reasonable hope or expectation of reconciliation."

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According to Circuit Court records, Dr. Hall is "capable of earning and has assets and benefits available to him of $1,500 per week." His annual income is listed as "$57,200."

ALIMONY ASKED

Mrs. Hall claims she does not have "sufficient means with which to support herself and the two minor children."

Mrs. Hall is asking the court that she be awarded alimony during litigation and permanently, custody of the minor children, awarded support for the minor children of the couple during litigation and permanently, be awarded counsel fees and suit money.

LOSE LOVED ONE— Let the sympapethil AFRO SYMPATHETIC Classified Clerk help you place an appropriate death notice in the AFRO, or make sure your funeral director does, so your friends will know when a loved one dies. Call 728-8200 and ask for Classified Death Notice section.

CLUB MEMBERS FETED—Mayor Schaefer and other city dignitaries helped honor members of the 90-Year Club of the Mason F. Lord Chronic Hospital and Nursing facility at 4940 Eastern Ave., recently. Members, like Mrs. Emmerline Coleman, received certificates and flowers along with congratulations from the mayor (L) and Councilmen John Schaefer and Mimi DiPietro. Also present was Mrs. Coleman's greatniece, Mrs. Jessie Jones.

Rhodesian fight only way: Nkomo

LUSAKA, Zambia (UPI) — Moderate black leader Joshua Nkomo, bitter over the collapse of his talks with the white regime in Rhodesia, now says "the gun is the only way" to bring majority rule to the former British colony.

Nkomo met with four African heads of state Wednesday to discuss their response to the breakdown of talks last week between him and Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith.

Zambian government sources said black African leaders now are debating ways of setting up black rule in Rhodesia by force.

Nkomo, leader of the moderate faction of the African National Council (ANC) — Rhodesia's nationalist movement — told reporters on his arrival in Lusaka: "Guerrilla war is the only way out.

"There's no way out now — the gun is the only way out."

The meeting was attended by Julius Nyerere of Tanania, Sir Seretse Khama of Botswana, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and Samora Machel of Mozambique. Also taking part was Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the militant wing of the ANC, which is based in Mozambique.

It was called by Kaunda after Nkomo and Smith failed to agree on a timetable for majority rule by Rhodesia's 6.5 million blacks, now controlled by the country's 250,000 whites.

Smith said he would not accept majority rule in Rhodesia "in a thousand years," but asked Britain to be mediate a solution.

A British proposal was turned down, however, because it included a demand for the acceptance of the principle of black rule, which Smith has rejected since he unilaterally declared Rhodesia independent from Britain in 1965.

Muzoreva had told Swedish television earlier in the week that black nationalists may ask for Cuban military aid.

He said in an interview, "I think there is a growing tendency on our part to feel that we should, maybe, involve other people."

Asked if that meant Cuban regular troops, he said, "Yes, that's what it would mean."

In the U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and other State Department officials warned in the strongest terms yet against such Cuban intervention.

During a Dallas speech Monday night, Kissinger spoke of "forthright and decisive action" to counter a Cuban move on Rhodesia.

However, two Senate Democrats questioned such a move. Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W. Va., said Tuesday Kissinger was making "veiled threats and charges."

Byrd said that if Kissinger's warnings against Cuban intervention are hinting at possible American military action, "He ought to tell the American people what he has in mind.

"I can't see the necessity of any military auction," Byrd said.

Sen. Dick Clark, D-Iowa, chairman of the Senate African affairs subcommittee, said on Meet the Press Sunday, "If we find ourselves in defense of the white majority regime in Rhodesia, then we would be bound to fail."

"So long as they (Communists) are operating against the illegal regime in Namibia, the illegal regime in Rhodesia, then I think for us to come out on (the opposite) side of the issue would be to support the Cuban, the Soviet effort. They are bound to win," said Clark.

Provident Hospital chief hits silence on woes, urges reforms

Dr. Oakley Saunders, president of the Provident Hospital medical staff, has called upon the hospital's leadership to "get its affairs in order."

At a Wednesday evening meeting attended by more than 60 persons, Dr. Saunders, among other things, accused the leadership of "a closed shop," failure to co-operate with the community and lack of foresight to evolve an effective fund raising machinery.

He charged that hospital administrator, Dennis Gowie, Trustee Board chairman, Dr. Delores Hunt and the Rev. Theodore Jackson, nominating committee chairman, have despite several appeals, kept a "small board" in violation of the board's resolution, requiring 36 members instead of the present 20 members.

He called for hospital's accountability to the public in three ways: responsiveness, reporting and responsiveness.

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To help set the hospitals affairs in order, Dr. Saunders suggested the following:

1 - Permit the board to meet its prior commitment of 36 members via an open process that these members be broadly representative not politically selected.

2 - Hold an annual public meeting, beginning in June of 1976, with full and complete disclosure and review by the public and that this activity take place before the establishment of a fund-raising drive.

3 - Have fund raising de-staff union its inception and veloped by a professional by "new blood".

4 - Expand the steering committee to assure wider representative.

5 - Establish immediately a search committee for heads of planning, community development and adequate staffing of public relations.

Stating that the board has failed to resolve significant issues as a result of its smallness, the medical staff president said, it has also failed to be accountable to the community.

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"Mr. Gowie and Dr. Hunt have repeatedly expressed their desire for a "small board. They have been ably abetted in this regard by the chairman of the nominating committee, the Rev. Theodore Jackson who has refused to bring forth but one name for membership in the last two years and that one name under dubious sponsorship," Dr. Saunders charged.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Gowie refused comment when reached by phone by the AFRO Thursday afternoon. Dr. Hunt could not be reached.

Dr. Saunders said: "The net effect is of a conspiracy of clanishness. As a result of resignations and other attrition, we currently have fewer than 20 active members.

"Despite that board's having passed the resolution to have 36 members at a special meeting on July 5, 1974, these vacancies have not been filled."

He said by comparison, Sinai Hospital has a 49-member board; Union Memorial 50 and Johns Hopkins a 37-member board.

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On the hospital's accountability to the public he stated:

"Over the past few years I have repeatedly requested that Provident report to the general public at an annual meeting on the state of our affairs with financial and departmental reports, programatic descriptions, etc. and that the hospital's staff and board be available to answer questions.

"To this date, there have been no such plans made, only promises.

NEW HONOR — Poet and novelist Gwendolyn Brooks (in '72 photo), the first black woman to win a Pulitzer prize, has been elected to the National Institute of Arts and Letters. She is best known for her book of poetry, "Annie Allen," which won the Pulitzer in 1950. (UPI Telephoto)

Bias victims due seniority under Supreme Court ruling

By James A. Kidney

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court handed blacks and women a major victory Wednesday, holding that persons denied employment solely because of their race of sex are entitled to special seniority treatment.

The 5-3 ruling means that people otherwise qualified for employment who were not hired because of illegal discrimination, can skip past fellow workers on the seniority ladder to the level they would have achieved, had they been hired originally.

Employes denied transfers to better paying positions who also can prove illegal discrimination presumably can jump over fellow workers when they are transferred, if different seniority lists are used.

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The decision helps remedy the complaint that women and minorities are always the first laid off because they are the last hired and are low on the seniority scale.

But the majority opinion by Justice William J. Brennan Jr. involves only those persons who can show they were personally discriminated against.

The Justice did not discuss whether minorities and women hired to meet "affirmative action" quotas are also entitled to a seniority jump.

In two other major rulings, the Court upheld the Pentagon's authority to ban political activity on military bases, and said servicemen are not constitutionally entitled to a lawyer during summary courts-martial.

The majority said military bases are not "public forums" for political activity. In the court-martial ruling, Justice William H. Rehnquist said the procedures are not criminal, and therefore no lawyer is required.

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In the discrimination case, Brennan held that the 1964 Civil Rights Act permits courts to award retroactive seniority.

All eight participating justices agreed, but Brennan drew dissents from three when he added that the normal course is to make the award unless the employer can show it would be inappropriate.

Brennan suggested that courts can protect the rights of other workers who would be placed lower in seniority, by requiring extra payment if they are laid off.

In any event, he said, "We find untenable the conclusion that this form of relief may be denied, merely because the interests of other employes may thereby be affected."

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The majority held that the 1964 Civil Rights Act seeks to "make whole" any victims of employment discrimination, and gives courts wide leeway to reach that goal.

In other opinions the court:

Ruled 6 to 2 that nonprofit hospitals may take advantage of an antitrust exemption in their drug purchases, if the preparations are dispensed only to patients, employes or doctors for personal use.

Criminal Court docket

Assault With Intent To Murder — George Smith, guilty, held sub curia pending pre-sentence report.

Assault — George Smith, stet.

Discharging Firearms — George Smith, stet.

Day House Breaking — William P. Francis, insanity plea, referred to Clifton T. Perkins.

Violation Of Probation — Vernon Toney, probation continued.

Attempted Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — Ellis E. Bolding, guilty, 7 years imprisonment.

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False Pretenses — Prentice Murphy, 6 months imprisonment, suspended, 6 months probation.

Violation Of Probation — Ricardo T. Vaughn, 2 years and 9 months imprisonment; Tyrone Topp, 1 year imprisonment.

Traffic Violation — John B. Fitzsimmons, stet, 2nd case 1 year probation; John Miller, 6 months imprisonment suspended, 6 months probation, $100 fine; Eddie Lucas, postponed.

Breaking and Entering — Gregory A. Sykes, stet.

Larceny — Gregory A. Sykes, 1 year imprisonment suspended, 1 year probation, $100 fine; Raymond Jackson, Linwood Jackson, Eugene B. Harris; Eusa to each.

Traffic Violation — William W. Herman, not guilty; Same, 2 cases, guilty, fine $10 as to each; George E. Dechterman, appeal withdrawn; Hillard B. Folus, postponed; Adolph A. Sapoikas, guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation and fine $250; Thomas P. Betz, guilty, fine $50.

Narcotics Violation — Willard Moses; Darrel H. Green, guilty, 6 months porbation, as to each; Randolph Scott, guilty, 6 months imprisonment, concurrent, suspended, 1 year probation and restitution; Reginald Mason, postponed; Michael Sampson, not guilty; Same, guilty, 2 years imprisonment, concurrent; John Robinson, postponed.

False Pretenses — Wayne H. Brown, guilty, 6 months imprisonment suspended 1 year probation and restitution; Leonard Lawrence, guilty, 6 months imprisonment, suspended, 6 months probation and restitution.

Larceny — Stanley McNeil, guilty, 6 months imprisonment, suspended 6 months probation and fine $50.

Shoplifting — Charles W. Wiggins, verdict stayed.

Assault — Curtis M. Mitchem, stet; James C. Sampson, postponed; Michael L. Sampson, guilty, 2 years imprisonment.

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Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — Lurher Green, guilty, 7 years imprisonment; Dennis G. Welkerson, guilty, 7 years imprisonment.

Larceny — William I. Barnes; Richard E. Peele, nolle prosequi, as to each.

Narcotics Violation — William I. Barnes, plea of guilty, 1 year probation; Richard E. Peele, plea of guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 3 years probation and fine $250.

Deadly Weapon — William I. Barnes, nolle prosequi; Richard E. Peele, plea of guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 3 years probation.

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Murder — Willie Tripp, 4 cases, guilty 1st degree, life imprisonment, as to each, last 3 cases, concurrent.

Use Of A Hand Gun In A Crime Of Violence — Willie Tripp, 5 cases, guilty, 5 years imprisonment, concurrent as to each.

Assault With Intent To Murder — Willie Tripp, guilty, 15 years imprisonment, concurrent.

Lottery — August J. Webster, nolle prosequi.

Assault — Larry B. Price, nolle prosequi; George L. Glasgow, guilty, 6 months imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation.

Unauthorized Use — Glenn W. Curry, stet.

Receiving Stolen Goods — Glenn W. Curry, stet.

Tampering — Glenn W. Curry, stet.

Hand Gun Violation — Glenn W. Curry, stet.

Disorderly Conduct — George L. Farrel, nolle prosequi.

Adoption chances better for black children, retarded

— A white infant who has no handicaps still has a best chance of being adopted in Maryland.

However, over the past six years, homes have opened up to black children, youngsters of mixed parents and retarded children.

"We've placed children over the past five or six years whom we thought we'd never be able to place," said Mary Lee Haskins, foster care and acoptive specialist for the Social Services Administration.

"The black homes, particularly in Baltimore have opened up to adopting children," she said.

But she adds, the majority of the children which still need permanent placement are those who have special problems, are over the age of five and who have intellectual deficiencies.

"We have no trouble with a child who is white and is of normal intelligence and under the age of 12," she said. "And we're able to place a normal black child if he's under six years. But still most families want infants."

She can't explain why there's a difference in ages of placement for black and white children, adding, "we go by what the parents want."

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The most difficult children to place have serious emotional or physical handicaps, regardless of age, and sibling groups which the agency feels should not be separated.

"We're trying to gear our program toward finding homes for the slow learners and retarded children," she said. "We focus on children with special needs."

In 1975, 1,266 children were placed into the service. Of those, 307 adoptions were complete with another 50 pending completion by the end of the year.

Divorces filed

Stephen Carl Schauer vs. Barbara Frances Schauer; William J. Holsey vs. Patricia Ann Holsey;

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Mary Goode vs. William J. Goode; Beverly David vs. Bennie David; Maria Dolores Cookus vs. George Wesley Cookus Sr.;

Janet V. Diggs vs. Herbert Diggs; Alvin Bevery vs. Margaret Beverly.

Divorces granted

Frances Tubman from Joseph R. Tubman; Lillie Marshall from Robert L. Marshall Jr.; Muriel Lansey from Wallis Lansey; Alan Gordon from Debbie Gordon; Larry Meekins from Deborah A. Meekins.

Ten ready for lottery final drawing

(UPI) Each of the 10 finalists in the Maryland State million dollar lottery is guaranteed at least $5,000.

One will get $10,000, another will collect $100,000, and the luckiest will take home $1 million after the April 12 drawing.

Those selected Monday night were: George H. Daugherty, of Hillcrest Heights; Sharyn L. Dively, of Dundalk; Jimmy C. Harper, of Washington, D.C.; Orville Hogan, of Freeburg; Erica Ruth Houser, of Lexington Park; Alvina Leblond, of Ellicott City; George L. Martin, of Phoenix; Connie L. Pearce, of Baltimore; Norman T. Smith Jr., of Cumberland; and John H. Williams Jr., of Silver Spring.

The million dollar prize winner will receive $50,000 annually for 20 years.

Coleman criticizes railroad unions

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman Jr., says public pressure should be brought on eight railroad unions who have failed to agree on conditions he proposed for Southern Railway's takeover of Penn Central track in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

Coleman told a news conference Tuesday the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks was the main holdout against a settlement of the dispute, which threatens to block Southern's plan to take over and refurbish tracks on the Delmarva Peninsula.

The stumbling block has been whether present Penn Central employees will continue to be paid at their current rate, which is higher than that of Southern workers.

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Coleman claimed he had offered reasonable solutions to union pay demands but the unions had engaged in an "exercise in unreasonableness and irresponsibility." Twelve other unions and Southern agreed to Coleman's plan.

BRAC president C. L. Dennis replied that Coleman had distorted the facts. He said his union "is ready today, as it has been through long weeks of negotiations, to sign a fair agreement' with Southern.

"Our refusal to sign a substandard contract is not based on hair-splitting or lack of concern for the public," Dennis said.

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"Our refusal is based on the simple and enduring trade union principle that unless there is agreement on the basic issues like rates of pay, seniority, transfers and cost of living, our members would be seriously injured by our signing the stand-pat proposal offered by the Southern railroad."

If Southern cannot take over the bankrupt Penn Central Lines, the 4,60 miles of track between the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay will go into Conrail, the new Northeastern Railroad system. Conrail plans to operate only about 185 miles if it gets the property.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Job Corps helps young men and women, 16 through 21, who are disadvantaged as defined by federal poverty criteria and who can benefit from the services that the corps provides.

-Dr. Patterson

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system and would place a name before the Board no later than March 31.

However before adjourning March 5, Judge Young instructed Ambrose T. Hartman, attorney for the sued School Board members that the board refrain from appointing a new superintendent until a decision is reached.

Grover L. McCrea, committee said the committee will abide by the order. He pointed out that if the Board failed to do that, it would be "creating a chaotic situation."

McCrea also said if Dr. Patterson is returned to his job, Dr. Crew and the system's other top administrator would return to the posts they held before the July hearings.

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