—Howard hits judicial

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on litigants in having a trial outside of Baltimore City — extra costs for transportation, feeding, lodging, reimbursing witnesses for lost time and income, etc. — could result in a plaintiff being forced to settle his case or exhaust in trial expenses a substantial portion of any award he might win in court, Howard contended.

Judge Howard pointed out that about one-third of all claims filed in the law courts of Baltimore City involve personal injury and contingent fees with almost 2,400 motor tort cases being filed last year.

"Requests for removals have occurred most frequently with this class of cases," the judge said.

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He noted that although lawyers privately have claimed this is due to "lack of intelligence and competence" of city juries, "in the more complicated cases involving contract, condemnation, confessed judgment, etc ... virtually no removals are sought."

Judge Howard suggested that the large number of removals in the personal injury area has nothing to do with the ability of the local juries but rather is because of the economic status of parties in the average negligence case "it is easier to force them into capitulation by the cost of litigation."

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Evidence that insurance firms and other defendants will take "unfair advantage of litigants and lawyers" is available in what happened last year when easy, no-proof-needed shifts were possible, Howard said.

Before the procedure was ruled unconstitutional last year, between July 1 and August 30, over 500 requests for removal were filed in Baltimore City, 80 per cent of them involving suits brought by blacks, Howard said.

Removals sought in Baltimore, where the population is about 54 per cent black, and were more than twice the number of removals sought in all the other counties during 1975, the judge said.

Next to Baltimore, the highest number of removals requested occurred in Calvert County which is closest to Baltimore in black ratio of population with 27.52 per cent.

Outside of Baltimore there are few black judges and court juries are mostly white.

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The state court ruling that killed the no-proof trial removals had been possible for two months in 1976 said they could be restored if the Supreme Bench system is consolidated — as the Mandel Administration proposal would do.

Judge Howard also pointed out that outside of Baltimore the "all of the judges in each of the eight circuits are struggling with a backlog of cases."

For these circuits to give speedy attention to shifted cases could mean Baltimore City judges and clerks being assigned to them, which "seems to be inconsistent with any notion of efficiency, economy or the simplification of administration," Judge Howard said.

The judge warned legislators that although the first trial removals had their greatest impact "upon blacks and those least able to protect themselves, once the machine is geared up and its operation profitable, it can run recklessly across both racial and economic lines."

His amendment, in line with the practice in a majority of the states and the federal government, would provide for the right of removal only "where good cause exists."

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Attacking the other major shortcoming he sees in the proposed constitutional amendments, Judge Howard said it "will restrict the black political potential to elect administrators in the justice system."

The proposed consolidation would permit the election of a chief clerk and grandfather into office all those serving as his deputies, along with court employes.

Only one of the six court clerks in Baltimore is black and of the system's 344 employes, all are white but 32, or 13 per cent, most of the latter in the bottom of the pay scale, Howard reported.

He said despite urgings by the Supreme Bench judges since 1975 for all the clerks and the Register of Wills to provide equal opportunity for jobs to all, "little has been accomplished."

Judge Howard's amendment in this area would remove the political election of clerks entirely and include an affirmative action plan for equal opportunity, as established by the Supreme Bench, for all the circuit courts in the state.

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Instead of having the chief judge elected and the deputies appointed by him, Judge Howard argued that if there is merit to getting clerks out of politics, as the Mandel reform urges, then all of them should be appointed by the judges with none elected.

Judge Howard said the black and poor of Baltimore are emerging in greater numbers, are more aware of their role, rights and opportunities "and will not tolerate through infinity the manipulations which have beset them over the years."

—Kovens denies

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to prove his complete lack of connection with the property upon which the prison proposed by the governor would built.

Kovens, often described as chief financial backer for Mandel, said he was protesting so vehemently because he did not want any of his friends black or white in East Baltimore to think he was involved in anything against their interests.

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"I play the game on the up and up," he stated.

He did admit, however, that he was as had been reported in the press related to Sarubin.

"Let me try to get this thing straight. Sarubin's mother and my father's were cousins. So that would make Morton Sarubin my father's second cousin. That would make what? Third cousins. Is that right?"

The veteran Baltimore political strategist did say he and Sarubin were both financial contributors to the Mandel political forces.

"I certainly have been and I think as far as Sarubin is concerned I can tell you it is true that he has given financial contributions."

Kovens further reported that he and his cousin had been partners in a HUD project, the Upland project.

He explained his association with Sarubin in this arrangement as "we are only what you call ... not actually partners. We are general partners. He is a financial man that runs things and we put the monies up."

Uplands, he continued, was one of those HUD deals where it was set up by the government years ago.

That is the only venture Kovens said he and his cousin had been associated in.

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As far as the Continental Can site is concerned Kovens when asked, told the AFRO "I don't care what they do with it.

Meanwhile, a city councilman this week gave a hint of protracted legal manuvers to prevent the state from converting the old Continental Co. into a medium-security prison in the 3500 block E. Biddle St.

"There will be no violence ... There will be no laying down in front of the bulldozers. We intend to take the matter to the court. We will file legal briefs to prevent the construction of the prison. That will be the route that we will go," Clarence "Du" Burns, the second district city councilman told colleagues at Tuesday's session of the council.

The AFRO has reported how last December the Board of Public Works recommended purchasing the site from Sarubin, who had formed Second Biddle Associates, to buy the can company at $1.9 million.

The state has since recommended that a prison for medium-security prisoners be located in the Orangeville neighborhood at a total cost of $26 million.

Tuesday's edition of the A[illegible] stated that Sa[illegible] as high as $4 million, which he sells the building to the state, if and when the General Assembly consents to the deal.

Black politicians have told the AFRO the deal is "one of the greediest ever heard of in the history of the state."

However, as revealed in City Council Tuesday night, the city's black elected leadership is at odds over this threat to its constituencies as it is about nearly everything else concerning black citizens.

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Repeatedly Tuesday night Councilman Burns attempted to intimate that Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D. 7th, and Del. Kenneth Webster, D. 40, both outspoken participants at the Saturday Annapolis rally, were proponents of violence and interfering in a geographic area they didn't represent.

Burn's veiled attack on the West Baltimore officials comes on the heels of an impassioned plea, reported in the AFRO last Friday, by his second district colleague, Nathan Irby for halting of conflict between east and west black political chiefs.

Reached this week, Irby said, "I heard his statement (Burn's) and I don't know what to say."

Moreover, in moving about East Baltimore this week an AFRO reporter detected a belief from residents, that West Baltimore, including the AFRO, was beginning to pay a much needed attention to Eastside brothers and sisters.

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Burns's intimations about the motivations of Webster and Mitchell in the affairs of East Baltimore were contested by Mitchell's nephew, Michael B. Mitchell, who represents the Fourth district in the City Council Tuesday:

"The elected officials there were representing the interests of the entire city at-large and were not confining their attention to one particular area regardless from which district they were elected."

Subsequently, Sarubin and his Second Biddle Associates, according to East Baltimoreans, have gone "under ground."

Eastside elected officials said Thursday no action is expected by the General Assembly on the actual siting of the prison "until some of the public ferment has subsided."

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Additionally, the politicans suggest that black citizens everywhere in the state feel it is time for the state to recognize that citizens "will take but so much for the big moneyed interest, whether they are black or white."

The legislature's joint Subcommittee on Law Enforcement and Transportation heard testimony on the proposed prison Saturday morning.

NEW YORK — Robert P. Saunders has joined Somerset Importers, Ltd., as general manager, special markets. Somerset Importers is a liquor importer.

A veteran of 21 years in the liquor business, Saunders is a graduate of Howard University (1950).

—Minister sues police for $7 million

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a.m. Sgt. Richard Marks, Detectives Richard Frazier, Oscar Requer of the Criminal Investigation Division and Officer Matthew Locus of Western District police station went to the Johnsons' home in the 2100 block of Koko Lane dressed in plain clothing and "pounded loudly with great force on the Johnsons' door."

Court records state the officers showed the Rev. Mr. Johnson a picture of a man named Robinson, whom they alleged was accused of armed robbery and they were looking for him.

According to court records the Rev. Mr. Johnson said "he did not know nor was he familiar with Robinson" and that no person fitting the description of Robinson was in his home.

The minister is quoted in the court records as saying he is "a religious minister and had no reason to protect or harbor a criminal suspect."

The officers forced the Rev. Mr. Johnson to stand between them and to accompany them though his house while they searched for Robinson, according to court records.

It is alleged the officers held a rifle-type weapon near the Rev. Mr. Johnson's head and he was forced at gunpoint to accompany them on a search of his house.

The officers did not find Robinson in the minister's home and are accused of "intentionally assaulting him by ordering him to stand between them while a shotgun was being held near his head and other vital parts of his body."

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Records filed in the Court of Common Pleas state the Rev. Mr. Johnson was made to "walk through each room of his home in the presence of the officers."

Mrs. Johnson claims before she could get fully dressed she observed Sergeant Marks, Detective Oscar Requer, Richard Frazier and Officer Matthew Locus coming up the steps with a gun pointed at her husband and she was forced to stand partially dressed.

It is alleged in the court records the officers searched under beds of the Johnson children with shotguns in their hands and went throughout the bedrooms where the children were sleeping.

Mrs. Johnson accuses the officers "contemptuously insulted, disturbed, disturbed and threatened her by the brandishing of a shotgun near vital parts of her body."

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According to court records, Mrs. Johnson who was pregnant at the time suffered a miscarriage and shock to her nervous system and was confined to the hospital and after being released was confined to bed for a substantial period of time.

Mrs. Johnson also suffered great physical pain, mental anguish and was confined to bed numerous days, it is alleged in the suit.

Mrs. Johnson further claims she still suffers headaches, dizziness, nervousness, weakness and restlessness and her husband has suffered mental anguish by being forced to witness the painful suffering endured by his wife.

According to the brief filed, the Rev. Mr. Johnson's nerves and health have been seriously and permanently shocked, weakened, and impaired by wife in escorting him to visit friends and relatives and carrying out his day to day [illegible] clergyman. It appears that such deprivation and impairment will long continue because of couples damage.

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—School commissioner

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the AFRO was informed by the wife that Dr. Scott arrives there every evening.

Mrs. Scott said, "Perhaps I can give him a message. He does come home every day. He does have several addresses. His schedule is unpredictable. I do not care to discuss it. You should talk with him. I am sure he will be happy to call you."

When asked how long she and her husband had been separated, Mrs. Scott said, "I have not indicated any kind of separation."

When informed of Aberdeen Police Officer Edwards' official report on the Valentine Day occurrence, Mrs. Scott repeated, "I think you should discuss it with him (Dr. Scott)."

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That the alleged assault upon Dr. Scott has occurred at the Aberdeen filing station was brought to the attention of the AFRO by a series of phone calls from relatives, neighbors and School Board members.

A neighbor quoted Dr. Scott as saying he had been set upon by an "irate husband."

School Board members are quoted as saying they witnessed him "limping" at the Thursday, Feb. 17 School Board meeting and report he had "patches on his face."

School board members quote Dr. Scott as saying in what they termed "a cruel joke" that he had been set upon "by an "irate husband."

The AFRO was unable to find out how long a civilian woman has been employed at Aberdeen Proving Ground as a secretary.

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An AFRO file press release dated Sept. 13, 1971 states that at the age of 46 Dr. Scott was then a physicist in Ballistics Research at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

It announced that he had been appointed an assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Johns Hopkins University.

The release further states:

Dr. Scott, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, holds a bachelor's degree in physics from Oberlin College; a master of science in physics from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in fluid dynamics from Johns Hopkins.

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Prior to joining the staff at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in 1956, Dr. Scott was an instructor in physics at Tuskegee Institute and at Morgan State College.

At Aberdeen, he specialized in rotating fluids and in the aerodynamics of missiles and projectiles. These fields have direct application in the study of planetary atmospheres, according to department chairman Owen M. Phillips.

"In addition to teaching an advanced course in rotating fluids," Dr. Phillips said, "Dr. Scott will teach an undergraduate course in planetary astronomy, both of which will add important strength to our departmental program."

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Dr. Scott was awarded a Woods Laner Memorial Fellowship in 1949 and a Denartment of Defense Fellowship in 1967.

He is married and the father of six children. He and his family have lived in Baltimore for the past 15 years, and with are active in community service work.

Dr. Scott has been involved with the Boy Scouts, Little League baseball and the Lauraville Improvement Association.

His wife, Margaret, is a Girl Scout troop leader, treasurer of Live-In Govans, Inc., and a member of the Govans Community Council and a number of other neighborhood organizations.

—Town manager sees

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others see it as far from over.

Dr. William P. Hytche, chancellor of UMES, stated that his university's central administration office will be releasing the school's own detailed report. It will be submitted to the legislative analyst sometime today, Friday.

Hytche pointed out his report was so detailed an extra auditor was called in to assist.

Sen. Clarence W. Blount, majority whip of the State Senate and vice chairman of the Budget and Taxation Committee, stated he will "try to do his damndest" to keep UMES from closing and keep its budget allocation intact.

Blount also said he still intends to introduce some sort of legislation to obtain the necessary land the school needs in order to expand.

Lawrence Cundiff president of the UMES Alumni Association, said late Wednesday he also has not been idle.

Acting as the vice chairman for the Coalition of Alumni Presidents of Maryland's Predominately Black Public Colleges, Cundiff has sent a letter to Gov. Marvin Mandel and Joseph A. Califano, secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

In the letter, Cundiff requested meetings with coalition representatives and Mandel and Califano to discuss the matter of UMES and how it will affect black schools in and outside the state.

1,500 guests attend Baptist annual award banquet

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The annual fellowship and awards dinner of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union of Maryland was held last Thursday at Martin's West with 1,200 guests attending.

Charles E. Coger, president of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union convention told the guests, "We are proud to salute each person being cited for the distinguish service award in the field of Christian education. We salute you tonight, for indeed you are the salt of the earth."

A. B. Koger served as the first president of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union convention in 1936 and the first dinner was held at the Madison Avenue YWCA.

For years, the annual banquet was held at Baptist churches in the city. The purpose of the banquet is to honor Baptists who have done outstanding work in their church.

Rev. Dr. Eddie R. Wilson Jr. pastor of Leadenhall Baptist Church received the Miles Washington Connor award, which is the highest award given to a citizen in the field of Christian education.

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Following the dinner last Thursday and a brief message from Rev. Dr. M.C. Southerland president of Virginia College and Seminary, 49 Baptists from various churches were given special recognition for service in their church.

Honorees who received certificates were Mesdames Viola Bradford, Madge R. Cannon, Elizabeth Colbert, Betty Craddock, Clarissa Evans, Lorraine Evans, Doris Holt, Lavern Henderson, Rosie C. Holley.

Also, Mesdames Selma Johnson, Madlyn Jones, Patricia Leazer, Mary Manokey, Nettie H. Page, Mary Parker, Dorothy J. Polk, Ada Powell, Mary S. Reese, Marlene Selver, E. Jane Staughter, Gladys Smith.

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—Mayor proclaims

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Culture.

At the 1 p.m. occasion, Mayor William Donald Schaefer will proclaim the day "Alex Haley Day in Baltimore." Mrs. Marie Henderson, aide to the mayor, is coordinator. Carroll Greene is executive director of the history commission.

Haley's book has reached all-time popularity since the TV series documented "Roots" and dramatically re-traced the voyage of his ancestors and other slaves from Africa to slavery in America and subsequently to freedom.

Mayor Schaefer's proclamation reads as follows:

"ALEX HALEY DAY

WHEREAS, Alex Haley's best selling novel "Roots" has won him widespread acclaim and brought renewed spirit to black culture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haley's writing career has spanned over three decades, since the publication of his first book, "The Auto biography of Malcolm X," hailed as one of the ten best books of the 1960's; and

WHEREAS, the television dramatization of "Roots" brought to the largest audience in broadcast history the heroic struggle for Afro-American identity; and

WHEREAS, all Baltimoreans would like to extend a warm and genuine welcome to Alex Haley and give recognition to his literary triumphs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, do hereby proclaim February 26, 1977 as "ALEX HALEY DAY" in BALTIMORE, and urge citizens to take note of the artistic contributions Alex Haley has made not just to Afro-American heritage but to all mankind.

Mom who killed son ruled insane

A 32-year-old mother who had placed her son in the oven and baked him to death was found not guilty by reason of insanity Feb. 22 by Judge J. Harold Grady.

Criminal Court Judge Grady ordered Mrs. Audrey Wilson, of the 700 block Reedbird Ave. to spend at least 90 days at Spring Grove State Hospital for evaluation.

A neighbor smelled smoke and found Mrs. Wilson lying nude on a sofa smoking a cigarette when she arrived. Police report her hair was singe and her neck burned.

Mrs. Wilson's three other children ranging in age four to eight-years-old are now living with foster parents in South Carolina.

Assistant State's Attorney William Monfried told the court Mrs. Wilson once left her son with a neighbor and never picked him up until the neighobr called her.

Psychiatrists at Spring Grove State Hospital told the court Mrs. Wilson was suffering from acute schizophrenia at the time she placed her son in the oven.

Mrs. Wilson was employed as a cab driver and told police that a male voice directed her to burn her head and place her baby in the oven.

Apply now for 4-H camp

The Baltimore city 4-H is now accepting applications for its 1977 overnight camp.

All boys and girl 8-12 are invited to spend 5 days and 4 nights at "The Rocks" in Bel Air, Maryland. Three sessions are available; July 25-29, August 8-12 and August 15-19. Featured activities are swimming, fishing, nature study, crafts and music.

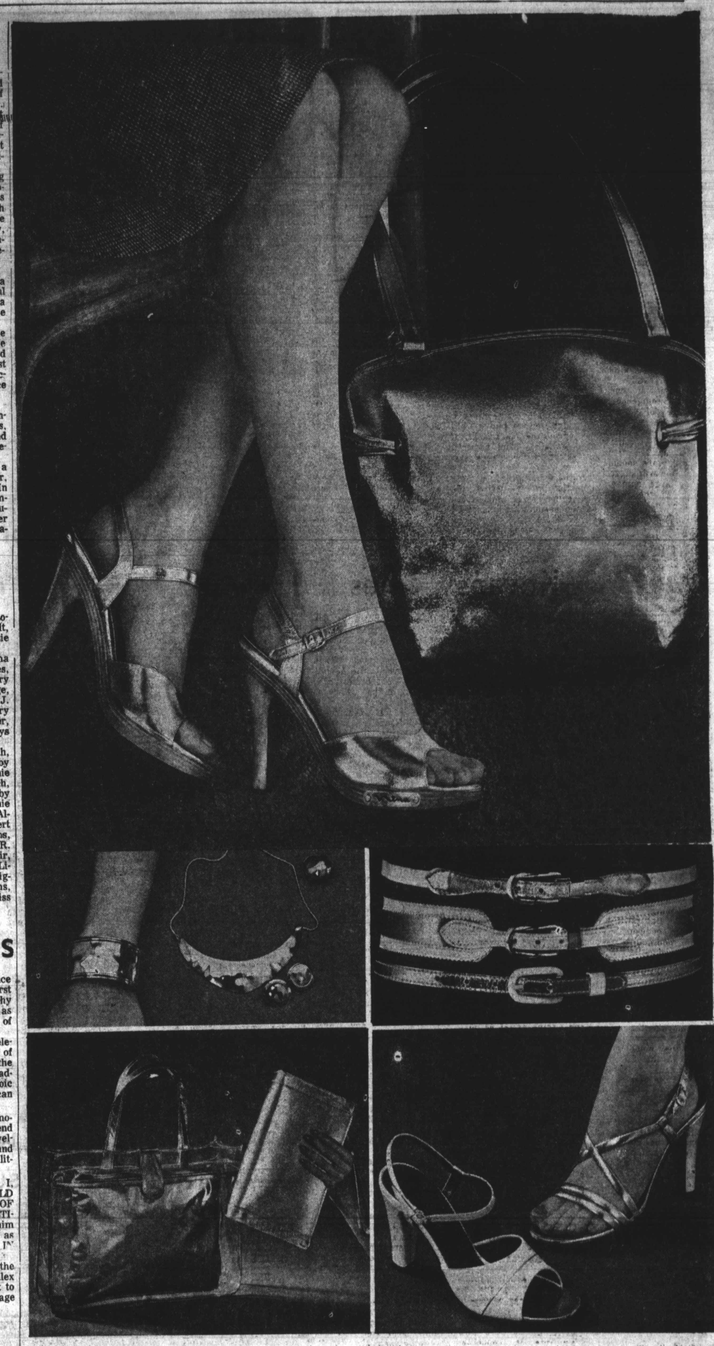
The fee of $25.00 pays for room, meals, activities and transportation. For camp applications and information call Shirley Marshall at [illegible]

Jack Johnson film at Pratt Library

Jack Johnson, the dynamic fighter who became the first black heavyweight champion of the world, is the subject of a movie documentary scheduled at the Pratt Library's Clifton center, Wolfe and 20th streets, on March 2, at 6 p.m.

Loved and hated in his own time, Johnson led a flamboyant, colorful life both in and out of the ring. and was the inspiration for Howard Sackler's award winning drama, "The Great White Hope." The film is narrated by Brock Peters.

Admission to the film showing is free. The public is cordially invited.



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