WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Redhead Charged In 'Apt. 4G Mix-Up' Death

Powell plans drive on D.C. gambling

WASHINGTON

Commenting on recently published reports concerning involvement of Washington policemen in organized gambling, Representative Adam Clayton Powell of New York this week issued a statement asking for greater public concern over crime and corruption in the nation's capital.

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THE PROPOSED conference, Powell said, would study the feasibility of a Congressional probe into Washington's crime situation. It would also analyze the degree to which crime statistics are being misused by anti-integration forces.

Mr. Powell said:

"Since the high incidence of crime and arrests in Washington, has been misused to reflect discredit on colored people, and to substantiate false charges of the anti-integration forces, the clergy of Washington should also consider some means of counteracting these libelous charges.

I believe that for the most part the police and government officials vested with District affairs are honest and dedicated men. We do know, however, that so-called Southern attitudes on racial matters may be the root cause of the District Commission's failure to come to grips with a grave situation."

Man held on intent to kill charge

WASHINGTON

Matthew Cotton, 38, 1300 block 11th St, NW, was arraigned in Municipal Court Wednesday and held for grand jury action on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and intent to kill Milton Dudley, 44.

Bond was set at $15,000.

Dudley was admitted to Freedmen's Hospital about 7 a.m. Tuesday in serious condition with head injuries.

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POLICE SAID THE two men had been drinking at Cotton's aunt's house in the 1200 block 6½ St., NW, when the men challenged each other to duel with fists outside.

Cotton allegedly fussled with Dudley, picked him up and threw him against a brick wall inflicting head injuries.

The aunt, Mrs. Annie Newman, 60, who described herself as Dudley's landlady, told police that she later found Dudley in his second floor room in an unconscious condition.

Stewart must be tried third time

WASHINGTON

Willie Lee Stewart, twice convicted of shooting a local grocer, is mentally competent to stand trial a third time, Judge F. Dickinson Letts ruled Wednesday.

The United States Court of Appeals has twice reversed first degree murder convictions stemming from the fatal shooting of Harry Honikman, 65, on March 12, 1953 in Honikman's store at 723 E. Capitol St.

Judge Letts made Wednesday's ruling after hearing Dr. Mary V. McIndoe of D. C. General Hospital testify that Stewart has no mental disease or defect and is pretending he does not understand the nature of charges against him.

A hearing on the motion to have Stewart adjudged mentally incompetent consumed a day and a half of testimony.

Gray freed in death of his friend . . .

BALTIMORE

Elbert "Brother" Gray, 47, 500 block N. Mount St., was found not guilty in the death of his "good buddy" Roosevelt "Butterfly" Everett, 54, 2400 block Druid Hill Ave. in Criminal Court on Friday.

Mr. Everett was found dead in a Cairo St. shanty on June 7.

According to testimony before Judge Reuben Oppenheimer, the two were in an altercation in the rear of the 500 block N. Mount St. on June 8, while they were drinking wine.

IN THE RACAS, the victim was knocked to the ground and hit his head on a curb, witnesses testified. He later went to the shanty and went to sleep on a cot.

"I woke up the next morning and shook him. When he did not wake up, I borrowed a dime and called the police," Mr. Gray testified Friday.

IN NEW JOB — Cong. Hugh D. Scott announced this week the appointment of his longtime friend, Sylvester Gaines, 37, Philadelphia, a former postal employee to a post as Customs Inspector. Mr. Gaines is shown here with Fred D. Peters, collector of U.S. Customs. Mr. Gaines lives with his wife, Mabel, and 8-year-old son, Randall, at 6020 Spring St. He is a graduate of Gratz High School and former student at LaSalle and Temple Universities. He is a member of Fairview golf club and attends Antioch Church. —Hall Photo.

Court refuses to review conviction

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The Supreme Court Monday refused to review the conviction and three-year prison sentence of Mrs. Alvania Mendoza, 62, for performing an illegal operation on Mrs. Villa Lee Green.

Mrs. Green, a married woman, died Aug. 22, 1956. Mrs. Mendoza was arrested Aug. 29.

Mrs. Mendoza was convicted in the Corporation Court of Norfolk. The Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals upheld her conviction. She asked the United States Supreme Court to review the judgment of the Virginia courts.

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SHE CONTENDED that her constitutional rights were violated by the police not warning her before she made a confession that her statement would be used against her.

She also contended that the confession was not voluntarily made because she suffered from high blood pressure and feared a stroke. At her trial, Dr. Barclay testified that he concluded from an examination of the body that Mrs. Green had been pregnant and died as the result of a criminal abortion. 1956. she said, Reid W. Spence, assistant Commonwealth's Attorney of Norfolk, four detectives and Joseph Green, the husband of the dead woman, broke into her home. The police arrested her.

In a statement at police headquarters, Mrs. Mendoza said she charged Mrs. Green $50 for the operation and received $20 in cash.

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MR. GREEN testified that his wife did not want a child because she was working. Mrs. Green worked at a tobacco factory in Norfolk.

1st suspect already has 8 year term

BALTIMORE

The mixed-up Lafayette Courts Apt. 4-G murder case, a love-nest death which police unraveled with assistance from the AFRO, was climaxed by a five-hour Criminal Court trial on Friday.

Surprisingly, the small, red-headed woman over whom Howard Banks, 43, 428 Smithson St., lost his life the morning of Aug. 9, and who later tried to cover up for the man finally convicted of his slaying, didn't even take the stand.

The second man in the case, Raymond Brown, 30, of 1201 Nolan ct., Somerset Homes, who is married and the father of four children, was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary for the second-degree murder of Banks.

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MRS. Constance Hazel Rivers, the 26-year-old Marine's wife who was the central figure in the love triangle that led to the killing in her fourth floor apartment at 1101 Orleans St., was sentenced to three months in jail on an accessory charge.

Except for a tip received by the AFRO and passed on to Capt. J. A. Mahrer of the Central District, Mrs. Rivers, who first confessed to killing Banks, might have gone on trial for his murder.

On the basis of her statements, claiming she shot Banks when he forced his way into her apartment, she had been held without bail in a Homicide Court hearing for action of the grand jury.

Because it was generally known that Banks, whose love she had spurned after more friendly days, had been insistent about trying to see her, many lawyers have agreed she probably would have gone free had she been tried for his murder.

A new investigation was launched on the basis of the tip to police from the AFRO and Brown was arrested.

Mrs. Rivers, confronted with the new action by police, changed her story and admitted that Brown shot Banks when the latter came to her apartment after she and Brown had retired there for the night.

Before changing her story she had insisted that the .32 caliber weapon used in the slaying had been sold to her by Brown.

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HER EXCUSE for trying to take the rap, police Sgt. Charles Foreman said, was that she could better explain to her overseas husband the presence of Banks in the apartment.

Her husband, who is younger than she, went into the Marine Corps shortly after their marriage Christmas of 1956.

He was aware of the fact that Banks had been attentive to her for a long time and testified that Brown jumped from a second story window after she broke off relations with him.

Friday, Brown, who was called to the witness stand on three occasions, told Judge Anselm Sodaro:

"I was wrong. I'm willing to take my punishment.

"If I had been home it wouldn't have happened."

Commenting on Mrs. Rivers' attempt to take the blame for him, Mr. Brown, who was raised in a conservative suit, remarked:

"I do not want Constance to take the blame for something she did not do. She was trying to protect me."

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MR. BROWN insisted that Banks was shot in his right eye accidentally when he struck him on the head with the pistol.

He said he struck him during an argument in the kitchen of the apartment when Banks moved his hand toward his back pocket.

Police produced a kitchen knife which they said was found in the slain man's back pocket.

At this point Judge Sodaro injected: "Evidently the deceased came prepared. And it was obvious that he was doing extra curricular work."

Investigating police found the slain man's body in a pool of blood on a tot-lot near an elevator about 40 feet from Apt. 4-G. A trail of blood led to the door.

FREED—William H. Robinson, 73, of the 400 block N St. NW, Washington sits dejected as the coroner's jury heard testimony in the fatal shooting of John C. Buchanan, 27, of the 1200 block 11th St., NW. Robinson was absolved of blame in the case, the jury ruling it justable homicide. He said Buchanan tried to force his way into his apartment.

McDougall guilty on 2 charges

RICHMOND

A 29-year-old West End man was found guilty in Hustings Court Monday of burglary with attempt to commit criminal assault.

William McDougall Jr., of the 1200 block Parkwood Ave., denied the charge made by a blonde student. He was charged with breaking into the College of St. dormitory room of the young woman on May 22.

The woman told Judge W. Moscoe Hunley: "I was awakened and realized that someone was in my room. He put one hand around my throat and the other around my body. He kept saying: "I'm not going to hurt you. I'm not going to hurt you."

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ON JUNE 25, the woman spotted a man on Broad St., and gave police the license number of the car the men entered. This led to Mr. Dougall's arrest.

Looking at Mr Dougall in the courtroom, the woman said: "That's the man. I'm positive."

McDougall said he was in Hopewell, Va. at the time.

Detective A. A. state trooper testified that he issued McDougall a summons for reckless driving about 1 a.m. May 21. The incident occurred about 2:30 a.m. May 22, according to testimony.

7 women indicted by D.C. grand jury

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Mary E. Byrd, 29, 900 block 12th St., NW, was indicted by a District grand jury Monday on false pretenses in connection with a $3,000 auto she purchased.

Mrs. Byrd is accused of falsely representing a check drawn on the National Savings and Trust Company for $3,345.

Mrs. Byrd allegedly turned the check over to Edward E. Duryee of Pohanka Service Inc., which last May 7 delivered her a $3,000 auto, police said.

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CORA GRIFFIN, 37, 1400 block 12th St., NW; Gertrude Arrington, 36, 1300 block Second St., NW; and Johnnie White, 29, 1200 block Seventh St., NW, were indicted on gambling charges. They are accused of 14 counts of operating a lottery last January after arrested in raids at 614 N St., NW, and 1229 Seventh St., NW.

Miss Rebecca H. Walker, 23, 1300 block Columbia Rd. NW, was indicted on two counts of forgery of a $53.30 government check last Sept. 3.

Vivian Rawlk, 33, 1700 block 10th St., NW; and Phyllis Williams, 29, 1700 block 10th St., NW were indicted on six counts of possession and selling heroin capsules to undercover men last May 19-21.

THE FOLLOWING persons were also indicted Monday:

Mrs. Connie W. Alexander, 34, 1300 block 10th St., NW, accused of assaulting Mamie R. Alexander, 30, 700 block G St., NW, last Sept. 21 with a pair of scissors;

Sammie Clark, 26, 600 block Morris Pl., NE, accused of assaulting Justine Byrd, 1100 block Abbey Pl., NE, last Sept. 26 with a knife;

Reginald C. Jackson, 31, 2300 block Pitts Pl., SE, accused of assaulting Washington Terminal policeman Thomas R. Moorhead last Aug. 16 during an arrest;

James D. Fisher, 50, 1200 block O St., NW, accused of carnal knowledge of a ten-year-old girl last Sept. 26;

Jack L. Moore, 29, 1500 block Columbia Rd., NW; and Bruce E. Butler, 18, 900 block 8 St., NW, accused of robbing five dairy stores of $226 in six months;

Austin W. Harley, 23, 440 block Grant St., NE; and William Elliott, 31, 1000 block Eighth St., NW, accused of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and grand larceny of a truck containing 44 quarts of beans last Sept. 21 from the Union Market lot at Sixth and Morse St., NE.

Men, sentenced, fined for disorder

BALTIMORE

Disorderly conduct charges brought a 45-day jail sentence and a $50 fine respectively to Louis Byrd, 21, of the 500 block N. Mount St., and Willie C. Roberts, 19, of the 200 block N. Schraeder St., in Northwestern police court Monday.

Both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Byrd entered a tavern Sunday afternoon in the 500 block St. Vincent St., ordered drinks and were asked to show identification cards, indicating their ages. Mr. Roberts, who is 19 years old, showed Louis Byrd's card and reproduced his signature adequately. Mr. Byrd, however, was unable to reproduce what police believe to have been his signature.

The men started a row when the bartender refused them service. They were arrested and charged.

Jury frees woman in fatal stabbing

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Marion M. Savage was found not guilty of a second degree murder charge by a jury in District Court Thursday.

Mrs. Savage was represented by George J. Thomas.

Mrs. Savage, of 1023 Eighth St., NW, was accused of stabbing to death Miss Gertrude Davis, 26, same address, last Aug. 24 over a man who had previously been the boyfriend of Mrs. Savage.

Johnny McKeldin, 43, same address, testified that he had been going with both women, but ceased his relationship with Mrs. Savage two weeks before Miss Davis was fatally stabbed in the left chest on the street.

Mrs. Savage's husband, Frank, 30, testified that Miss Davis had cut his wife with a razor the night before.

Pleading self-defense, Mrs. Savage testified that she sat in front of the apartment with a knife after she saw Miss Davis hanging on the corner.

Mrs. Savage said that on arriving from work he observed the two women arguing. He said he tried to break them up, but they attacked each other.

Mrs. Katy Hinton of the same address testified that from her window she saw Mrs. Savage run into the house, return with a knife and plunge it into Miss Davis.

Man, 39, gets year on threats to wife

WASHINGTON

George Johnson, 39-year-old father of six children, was sentenced in Municipal Court Wednesday to 360 days in jail for threatening his wife.

Mrs. Annie Johnson, 35, testified that Mr. Johnson threatened her on Oct. 13 in their apartment at 1024 Eighth St., NW, with a paring knife. A month earlier, she said, her husband jumped from behind a bush and told her that he was going to dig a hole and bury her alive.

Mr. Johnson admitted on the witness stand that he also told his wife: "I'm going to kill you like I did my first wife." He then told the court that he meant no harm.

Mrs. Margaret Bland, Mr. landlady, and Mrs. Lillian Hodges, 38, a roomer, corroborated Mrs. Johnson's testimony.

"They want to get rid of me," testified Mr. Johnson, "because they write numbers and sell whiskey. I told them I was going to inspector Layton (head of gambling squad) on them."

Laundromat owner rams officer's auto

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Rose Tankard, 49, owner of a laundromat at 3130 11th St., NW, was charged with "following too close" Friday the rear of a police sergeant's car.

Sgt. Frand Strader Jr., 47, of No. 2 Precinct was released from the Washington Hospital Center after treatment for injury to his lower back and right knee.

POLICE SAID THE officer stopped his private auto about 8:30 p.m. to let a taxicab into a gas station in front of 30 Florida Ave., NW, when Mrs. Tankard's auto rammed him. Mrs. Tankard, of 1000 Block 8 NW, told police that the officer's auto stopped so suddenly that she did not have time to apply her brakes. She was not injured. Her auto received $100 worth of damage to the front and the officer's auto received $50 damage.

Boy held in scalding death of baby sister

ASBURY PARK — As funeral services were being held here Monday for a 3-year-old girl scalded to death last week, juvenile authorities in Freehold were holding the dead girl's brother on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

The dead girl is Helen Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hayes of 1008 Sewall Ave.

In custody is Leroy Turner, 13, son of Mrs. Hayes by a former marriage, who confessed Thursday that he held his screaming sister under scalding water in a bathtub while babysitting for her and a younger sister, Melinda, 2.

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ONLY MEMBERS of the family were present at the final rites of the child who suffered burns over 75 per cent of her body.

Little Helen died Wednesday at Fitkins Hospital, Neptune, according to police, after neighbors were attracted to the Hayes home by the child's screams.

Dr. Herbert Knapp, Monmouth County physician, fixed the cause of death as gastro intestinal hemorrhage and shock resulting from the burns.

DETECTIVE CAPT, Thomas Smith said Leroy first told officers his sister tried to take a bath and burned herself when she turned on the hot water.

Later, he said, the youngster admitted holding the child under the running hot water as punishment.

The boy was quoted as telling police he became angry when his sisters started to fight over a doll. He admitted striking Melinda and then decided give Helen a bath when she soiled her clothes.

According to police, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes usually left the two small girls at a nursery while they were at work. However, officers said, when Leroy arrived from Virginia early last week they left the children with him.

THE YOUTH had been living with an aunt and uncle in Bedford, Va., the AFRO learned, and came here after hitchhiking as far as Baltimore. His mother sent him money to travel the rest of the way.

"This is a very startling tragedy," a neighbor confided to the AFRO.

The F. Leon Harris Funeral Home, 140 Union Ave., was in charge of funeral arrangements for the child.

Policeman fined in paternity mix-up of wives faces judge

CAMDEN, N.J. — A Camden cab driver, who turned to this occupation after losing a city policeman's job, was haled into court, last week, by his wife on a bench warrant issued for non-support of his family.

Charles G. Heard, 34, of 409 Stevens St., appeared before County Judge Benjamin Dzick Tuesday, Oct. 21, and was berated by the jurist for contempt of an order previously placed by a court for support of Heard's wife, Mattie, and their two children.

He was lodged in the county jail several hours before the hearing, after which he was required to pay $104.50 arrearage, and ordered to pay $30 weekly henceforth, "and on time."

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MR. HEARD'S troubles stemmed from his police service when he took a "patient" to a hospital, without reporting it on Feb. 18, 1957, as required for all policemen whether on or off duty at the time.

For this infraction of rules of the police bureau, Mr. Heard was hailed before the chief and suspended. He "appealed" the suspension, lost and was later fired. The State Civil Service Board sustained the firing, after a hearing in Trenton.

According to hospital records, the "patient" he took to the hospital was white woman—gave birth that day, to a child.

Information given at the hospital caused the child's birth record to show Heard as father of the child. The record of "legitimate" birth indicated that Mr. Heard and the woman, Henrietta C. Zemba, are married.

But Mr. Heard, at that time, was living with his wife, Mattie, and family.

Through routine "follow-up" procedure at the hospital, the real Mrs. Heard learned she had had a baby, which she declared she had not had."

This subsequently led to a separation of the Heards.

Mrs. Heard has strenuously objected to the baby born to "the other woman" bearing the name "Heard," which her husband has not yet been officially changed. The real mother of the child is reported to be married, and separated from her husband, She has one other child.

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THE SUPPORT order must be paid through the County Probation office, where Mr. Heard's address is listed as 409 Stevens St. He is said to be living with his mother.

Mrs. Mattie Heard's address is listed as "Cooper Hospital," where, probation office clerks say, she may be employed. A "former address," not changed, is listed as 202 Branch Village.

Cop to answer charges in quarrel at restaurant

WASHINGTON

Pvt. John W. Hawkins, precinct 9, faces possible disciplinary action as a Metropolitan Police Dept. trial board hearing as the result of a disagreement with a customer in another policeman at a restaurant on Oct. 14.

A hearing has been set for 10 a.m. Nov. 4 on two charges. They are conduct prejudicial to the reputation and good order of the police department and failure to promptly submit a full report of a crimes or offense or any other type report.

THE CHARGES specify that Officer Hawkins, while temporarily relieved from duty, became involved in an altercation with Ernest Williams with out justifiable cause at the restaurant in the 600 block of T St., NW.

He is also accused of having an altercation with Pvt. Lawrence E. Blackwell, precinct 4, who was with him at the time.

Trial board members hearing the case will be Deputy Chief John J. Agnew, chairman and Captains Daniel O. Fletcher and Thomas E. Edwards.

U.S. urged to use 'own propaganda'

WASHINGTON

Half of the money used by Uncle Sam to explain America to the world should be used to foster "face-to-face contact between colored and white in this country."

That opinion was expressed Monday by Dr. [illegible] Wright, professor of Religion and former cultural attache with the U.S. Embassy in Burma.

Dr. Wright told an intercultural ministers meeting that Asians "are very disturbed about the relation between black and white in this country."

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HE SAID he had repeatedly during his two-year stay in Burma, "Unless you do something about the treatment of colored people in America, we Asians may well go over to the other side."

The "other side" refers to Russia. Dr. Wright returned from Burma last year.

"I'm afraid our propaganda is wearing thin, because we are not doing much for our own cultural program," he said.

What the government says abroad will be effective if it is borne out by action at home, he stated.

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HE SUGGESTED that half of the $26 million budget for U.S. Information Agency be used to promote human relations at home.

"The way to change attitudes is through face-to-face contacts," Dr. Wright said.

Students exchange programs and similar projects should be sponsored by the government to foster such contacts, he said.

DR. MCRDECAI W. JOHNSON, Howard president, welcomed the monthly meeting of the Washington Ministerial Union at a luncheon on the campus.

Howard has next to the largest foreign student group in America with representatives from 43 countries, he said.

"They like what they find here with respect to human personality." Dr. Johnson said.

"We believe a world is possible right now in which the living human being in every part of the world is prepared to build a community of the spirit that transcends differences."

President of the union is the Rev. George Yorn.

Powell scores crime in D.C.

WASHINGTON

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Year given for resisting arrest

BALTIMORE

Stanley L. Kelly, 27, of the 2800 block W. Lafayette Ave., was convicted of resisting arrest and disturbing the peace Tuesday in Criminal Court, and was sentenced to a year in the House of Correction.

Patrolman Harry Metzger of the Northwestern District testified that Kelly cursed him and struck him on the shoulder when he tried to make an arrest at Poplar Grove St., and Lafayette Ave., on Oct. 11th.

Teacher given suspended sentence and probation

BALTIMORE

A former school teacher who was convicted last month on three morals charges involving his wife and two teenage boys, was given a one-year suspended sentence Thursday in Criminal Court.

Charles A. Evans, 22, of the 2300 block Windsor Ave., was also placed on probation for two years by Judge Anselm Sodaro on condition that he take psychiatric treatment.

At his trial, Judge Sodaro had pronounced that Evans be given an examination by the medical department.

A REPORT submitted by Dr. Thomas Lynch disclosed Thursday that because of the defendant's youth, he might be helped by psychiatric aid.

Neither Mr. Evans nor his wife, Mrs. Mary Hope Evans testified at the trial. They are the parents of two children.

Sgt. Violet Hill testified at the time that Mrs. Evans came to her office on June 13 and complained of her husband's conduct toward her and a number of young boys.

STYMIED POLITICIANS TURN ON TEACHERS

By RUFUS WELLS

Lt. Gov. A. E. S. Stephens of Virginia tried to throw a "scare" into Old Dominion teachers last Friday.

Criticizing the loyalty of a group of Norfolk teachers, Stephens' address could be interpreted as putting the group into the same boat with the Virginia NAACP.

The teachers, with whom the lieutenant governor was so thoroughly disgusted, recently voted to discontinue taking part in a private makeshift school program.

To continue in the program, the teachers said, would be to defeat the purpose that the stop-gap schools were supposed to avoid.

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STEPHENS also rapped the Virginia Educational Association and its 25,000 members.

"Where is their loyalty?," he wanted to know.

Gov. J. Lindsay Almond's top aide questioned the teachers' "loyalty" for calling on the governor to convene a special session of the legislature to take corrective action to re-open schools.

"We are not trying to close schools," said Stephens, adding "we are trying to save them."

He said that every loyal and faithful teacher and citizen should stick with Virginia's "massive resistance" and anti-integration program.

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THE VIRGINIA Teachers Association, the colored educational organization, took action along the same lines as their counterparts.

At a Thursday session, the VTA urged support of the NAACP efforts to end segregation, higher pay and called on the governor to convene a special session of the legislature to junk anti-integration laws.

With six schools closed in Norfolk, and others shut down in Charlottesville and Front Royal, the tide had turned in the Old Dominion and "massive resistance" has run its course.

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TODAY, with nine public schools closed, and 13,000 pupils denied public education, Virginians are demanding a more realistic approach to the school problem.

Now convinced that massive resistance is no panacea, and that school desegregation is inevitable, the majority of Virginians are seeking other solutions.

They have rejected massive resistance.

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IRONICALLY, this rejection was hastened, not by Federal court orders, or the mild pronouncements of President Eisenhower, but by an act of Governor Almond.

By closing the schools and putting 13,000 children into the streets, Almond brought the stark realities of the situation home.

Millions of Virginians who heretofore had been misled by the promises began to brush away clouds of darkness to see the light of truth.

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AT BI-WEEKLY press conferences in August and September, Almond held fast to the massive resistance line.

He urged the people to be patient and to support him in this crucial hour.

On Sept. 30, Almond held his last press conference to date. Since then he has postponed the bi-weekly conferences. Last Tuesday he postponed them indefinitely.

No formal announcement was forthcoming, but it was obvious that massive resistance was at the end of the line.

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FACED WITH the concrete fact of 13,000 locked out of school and the abstract promises of a solution, the people made a decision.

They decided that they would prefer desegregated schools to no public schools at all.

Last week a group of white pupils and parents sued Governor Almond in Federal District Court in Norfolk, asking that schools be re-opened.

The Virginia Conference of the NAACP, a few days later, filed a third suit against the governor.

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A FINAL show-down in the seven-year school hassle is now in sight. The three latest suits have put the chief executive within the range of Federal court restraining orders.

Will Almond, a distinguished lawyer and able politician, risk a head-on collision with the Federal Government?

Or will the Governor of Virginia bow to the decision of the court and seek a realistic solution to the state's school problems?

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DISTRICT L of VEA has urged that steps be taken immediately to re-open Norfolk public schools.

District A of VEA, in a meeting at Fredericksburg, has voted down a resolution that would have supported Almond's last ditch stand.

One member, John B. Durham, principal of Stratford High School, asked:

"Are we complimenting the governor on closing the schools? I, for one, am not in favor of doing that."

STATE SEN. George S. Aldnizer of Harisburg said:

"The public school system is such a vital thing that it should not be allowed to die without a vote of the people."

Another Virginia legislator has called the massive resistance laws "unconstitutional, inadequate and just won't work." He suggested that the whole program be scrapped.

Only a year ago politicians pledged to fight to the bitter end. Now they are not sure.

Del. Robert Whitehead of Nelson, Va., suggests that Almond make a reappraisal of the program and make a fresh start.

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THE CHANGING of times can even be reflected in the press.

The Roanoke Times, which supported massive resistance last year, now calls for a shift in state policy.

The Norfolk Ledger Dispatch also has changed its tune.

Even the Richmond News Leader, a leader of the resistance movement for years, is now showing evidence of weakening.

It is still vigorously opposed to public school desegregation, but it is no longer publishing as many editorials on the subject.

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WITH PUBLIC support slipping daily, Governor Almond has to come up with a decision.

Regardless to what decision he comes up with, the governor will have to give serious consideration to new public opinion.

NAACP BATTLEFRONT

NAACP denounces 'right to work' law

NEW YORK — In compliance with a resolution adopted at the annual convention of the NAACP, local units in Ohio and California conducted vigorous campaigns against the "right to work" propositions up for a vote in those states.

Thousands of copies of the association's pamphlet, "Right to Work' Laws and the Negro Worker," were distributed in both states.

Herbert Hill, association's labor secretary, made a tour of Ohio including Toledo, Canton and Columbus speaking before NAACP branches, churches and trade unions urging a vote against the "right to work" proposal.

In California, Franklin H. Williams, West Coast regional secretary - counsel, conducted an extensive state wide campaign in opposition to the proposal. He has spoken in many of the state's industrial centers, setting forth the NAACP opposition.

Catholic awards

CHICAGO — The Catholic Interracial Council here has presented an interracial award award to Theodore A. Jones, president of the Chicago branch of the NAACP.

Besides Mr. Jones, awards were also given to two other individuals, a Catholic youth organization and a large business concern.

The Illinois Bell Telephone Co. was cited for refusing to contribute to hospitals practicing racial or religious discrimination.

The Young Christian Workers of Omaha, Nebr., was honored for its efforts to end racial discrimination in Omaha restaurants.

Two other awards went to Miss Casey Krol, who helped establish a human relations club at Marquette University, and to her sister, Miss Mary Ann Krol, former president of the human relations club at Loyola University's school of nursing here.

Lena leads drive

NEW YORK — The 32nd annual holiday seals campaign of the NAACP was launched last week with an appeal from Lena Horne, star of the hit Broadway musical "Jamaica," and campaign chairman.

In letters mailed to thousands of NAACP members and friends, Miss Horne urged purchase of the seals at $1 per sheet of 100 "so that the fight against injustice and for our dearest democratic principles may go on."

The beautiful actress-singer stressed the importance of the seals and said that 1958 may become known as the "Year of Faubus." It has been a year, she said, during which "irresponsible persons have been emboldened and stimulated by examples of defiance."

Back NAACP dinner

NEW YORK — Miss Marian Anderson and Oscar Hammerstein 2nd have called upon Broadway to support the second annual NAACP Freedom Fund dinner at the Hotel Roosevelt on Nov. 24.

The famous singer and the noted librettist have jointly signed a letter pointing out that never before in the history of the NAACP "has the success of its work been so demanding; never have the drains on its resources been more critical."

The $100-a-couple dinner will honor Rudolf Bing, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera, and John H. Johnson, magazine publisher of Chicago.

Proceeds of the dinner will be used to help the NAACP in its Fight for Freedom.

Members of the sponsoring committee, composed of more than 100 distinguished Americans, are Duke Ellington and Mrs. Margurite Belafonte. The dinner last year attracted more than 1,000 guests.

Drive picking up

NEW YORK — The NAACP year-end membership and renewal campaign is beginning to show encouraging results, Miss Lucille Black, membership secretary, has reported. The campaign has recruited 12,000 members in Cleveland, nearly 8,000 in Baltimore and more than 500 in St. Louis.

A series of state conferences of NAACP branches this week end will be devoted in large part to development of plans to step up the campaign on the local level in order to assure reaching the goals for the year.

Successful picket

CONAKRY, Guinea — Following agreement by Mayor George M. Algoe to support enactment of an ordinance permitting municipal human relations commission, an NAACP picket line was withdrawn here from City Hall.

The NAACP branch, under leadership of C. Frederick Robinson, placed a picket line in front of the hall on Sept. 12 in protest against a closed City Commission hearing on charges of police brutality involving the arrest on Sept. 6 of Miss Dorothy Avant.

The picketing was continued until Oct. 25 when Conakry was exonerated. A public apology was made by the police and agreement by the Mayor to work for the establishment of a human relations commission.

Campus analysis

NEW YORK — Race relations on colored college campuses are analyzed by August Meier in a lead article in the Nov. issue of the Crisis," monthly organ of the NAACP.

On the basis of his experience as a teacher at three colored colleges, and prolonged visits to others, Dr. Meier concludes that "there is a significant correlation between race and social grouping, though the number of interracial friendships should not be underrated."

In another article in the magazine, Gabriel Gersh reports on the "Color Bar in Liverpool."

"An editorial denounces the laws against blacks as 'phony,' subjecting workers the right to work "only under conditions established unilaterally by their employers."

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WELCOMED HOME — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., integration leader who was stabbed by a colored woman in a Harlem department store Sept. 13, waves to the crowd on hand to greet him at the airport in Montgomery, Ala. About 100 of King's friends and neighbors greeted him upon his return recently.

Cabinet 'Shake Up' Seen Due In Haiti

By LYNN GROSSBERG

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Reports here this week say that there is about to be a shakeup in the Haitian Government.

Frederick Duvigneaud, Minister of Interior, who is now in France on vacation, reportedly is scheduled to be ousted.

Marc Charles, Minister of Agriculture, will take Duvigneaud's place, according to the reports.

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DUVIGNEAUD has been in government for 20 years and during that time weathered the storms faced by three cabinets.

He is said to have gone to France to regain his health. He has been going through a gruelling pace with security responsibilities.

Charles, likewise, has been carrying a big load since his department was overhauled and more rural services concentrated in its jurisdiction.

The Minister of Agriculture is a man of considerable stature. During the embroiled election fray, at one point, he manned the barricades in Mare Marc where a self ruling committee had been set up by opponents of Duvalier.

Charles, along with Lucien Chauvet, Under Secretary of Commerce, crawled on his stomach to outflank hostile insurgents who attacked the palace on the night of July 29.

CHAUVET IS expected to move up to the post of Under Secretary of Commerce. He has played an important role in the security of the country and has been a mainstay in the Duvalier government.

Andre Theard, who has been serving as Minister of Commerce, is said to be moving up to the all-powerful Ministry of Finance.

He is considered to be one of the most qualified men for the position, having worked in the department for 25 years.

Fritz Thebaud, present Minister of Finance, is in Switzerland attending an international sugar conference.

Dr. Auriol Joseph, long time friend of the President, is expected to complete the shakeup. He is reportedly to be transferred to Minister of Health from his post as Under-Secretary of Interior.

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IN OTHER news from Haiti, the round of gala festivities for visiting Liberian officials has come to a close, concluding with a grandiose ball at Cabane Chourcoune last Friday night.

Eight of Haiti's top military, ministerial and parliamentary figures were decorated.

Included were Maurice Flambert, chief of staff; Capt. Claude Raymond, head of the Pierre Merceron, chief of police.

Hughes Bourjolly and Rameau Estime, the president of the chambers; Jules Blanchet and Lamartiniere Honorat, minister without portfolio and Under Secretary of State respectively; and Rene Chalmers, Secretary General of Foreign Affairs Department.

The Liberian delegation was here primarily to decorate President Duvalier.

Ga. voters hold meet in Macon

ATLANTA — Some 200 delegates from 34 counties in 9 of the 10 Congressional Districts attended the meeting of the Georgia Voters League in Macon last Saturday.

Dr. Rufus Dobbs, president, highlighted the session, telling delegates that the free ballot is "the most powerful instrument to ever be placed in the hands of any free people anywhere."

During the elections at the annual meeting the Stewart Chapel AME Church, an opposition movement succeeded in electing the Rev. J. F. Martin of Brunswick and C. R. Yates of Atlanta.

The Rev. Mr. Mann and Mr. Yates defeated the incumbents J. O. Thomas and C. A. Scott, both of Atlanta, for the first vice president and treasurership respectively.

MR. DOBBS was re-elected president and the Rev. C. D. Walker, second vice president.

Other officers are W. C. Wimberly of Savannah, H. O. Thomas of Thomasville, G. T. Rivers of Columbus, A. C. Tourkstone of Griffin, The Rev. Clayton Powell of Atlanta, Frank J. Hutchings of Macon, Paul Kelley of Smyrna, E. E. Moore Sr. of Waycross, A. C. Brown of Brunswick and Dr. Daniel W. Young of Monroe, district vice presidents;

Also J. H. Calhoun, Atlanta, secretary; Rev. W. Hodges, Atlanta, parliamentarian; the Rev. G. McCarter, Buena Vista, chaplain; J. C. Burke,

Officials reported or the way out

LUCIEN CHAUVET.

Dublin, sergeant-at-arms; H. E. Bryant, Fort Valley, and Mrs. L. S. Stell, youth work directors, and Thomas Harris, Atlanta, youth chairman.

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IN OTHER action, a resolution was adopted deploring vote discrimination in Tuskegee, Macon County, Ala., and Terrell County, Ga.;

Also the killing of Joseph Jeter by a policeman at Perry Homes in Atlanta, the denial of a currency to Rosa Ingram.

The resolution further expressed a concern for those offended and commended those who are interceding and supporting these causes in the interest of full citizenship for all.

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IN A REPORT by members of the Statewide Registration Committee, delegates were urged to get out the vote to prevent purging.

The report also urged cooperation with local public officials, continuous registration, more training programs, adequate economical financing, use of paid staff workers and more extensive teenage and young adult activities.

Another report noted that four Congressional Districts and 60 counties have lost a total of 8,309 registered voters, while six districts and 48 counties made up for the loss with a net increase of 10,249 colored voters since 1956.

Georgia has a total of 168,959 colored voters.

Of the 159 counties, 6 have no colored voters, 24 have fewer than 100 and 19 have only a few colored voters.

Kenya to back road project

NAIROBI, Kenya — The Kenya Government has accepted a proposal to carry out a 12 - million dollar road program put forward by two contracting companies which will work in close association.

Construction work, which is to open up the interior tumenising of the colony's main roads, is due to start in 1959.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — It has been learned that the Belgian