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"We are Americans and, as Americans we would speak to America." Frederick Douglass

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"Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery (segregation, etc.), I have a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally."—Abraham Lincoln

The Baltimore AFRO's Platform

1. *Fair employment practice (FEP) laws and enforcement power. Begin with city, county, state and federal governments.*
2. *100,000 registered voters in Baltimore City.*
3. *A judge on the Supreme Bench and in the Federal District Court.*
4. *Integration in the state's reform schools and penal institutions.*
5. *Public hotels and restaurants open to all well-behaved citizens.*

A grim object lesson

We think there is an object of a soft in what has happened to the candidacy of Truly Hatchett, who is seeking renomination on the Democratic ticket to the House of Delegates.

Four years ago, Mr. Hatchett by dint of hard work and the enthusiastic support of the fraternal organization with which he is identified, was able to beat the creaking machine of the Fourth District's political boss and win a place on the Democratic ticket.

Whereupon, the political boss, who never before had bothered to give representation to the large number of colored Democrats in his district, adopted the ancient stratagem 'if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.'

Mr. Hatchett was embraced and welcomed into the fold.

But during the interim of four years, something happened. Mr. Hatchett, who made his debut into politics as an independent, apparently did not find it easy to adapt himself to the machine program, and on occasion found himself on the opposite side of the boss' announced position.

So now Mr. Hatchett again finds himself running as an independent, completely outside the boss' stable of handpicked candidates.

We say there is an object lesson here especially for those candidates of color currently in favor with the boss.

If elected, their souls are no longer their own.

They dare not take an independent action or think an independent thought or support an independent proposal for the benefit of their constituents.

For the fate of Mr. Hatchett tells them that heavy, heavy hanging over their heads is the chilling axe of the unforgiving boss of the Fourth District.

Let's keep them low

Magistrate Marshall A. Levin of Housing Court believes it's time to relieve the $200,000 annual burden imposed on taxpayers by Bargain Basement Court costs.

His observation was made Tuesday after fining a defendant $1 for failing to provide regulation garbage cans and affixing court costs at $1.45.

Pointing out that the rate of court costs has remained static for 80 years, Mr. Levin suggests that an $8 charge would be far more realistic than the present average of $1.45.

While we have as much sympathy for the overburdened taxpayer as the next fellow, we are decidedly against imposing such a sharp increase in court costs.

WE BELIEVE that justice, like water, ought to be free. The cost of getting a decision on any question, no matter how trivial, should remain within easy reach of the poorest citizen.

A good example of what would happen should court costs be hiked to an impossible level is seen in Mexico and other Latin American countries where the church has made the charge for marriages prohibitive.

The result is that a majority of the poor people simply do not bother to go through a wedding ceremony and these nations find themselves with the highest illegitimacy rates in the world.

A 550 PER cent increase in court costs would simply mean that fewer of Baltimore's low income residents would bother to carry their differences to court for settlement.

Retribution and revenge would be sought on a personal level. The consequences would be an immediate increase in the number of police calls, and hospital patient loads.

After giving the matter more thoughtful consideration, we are confident Mr. Levin will agree with us that the ends of justice will better be served by keeping court costs at the current "bargain basement" rate than by boosting them completely out of reach of the majority of persons who would be confronted with the need to pay them.

EEOC recommendations

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has made recommendations to the mayor and city council aimed at strengthening its position in routing out job discrimination in Baltimore.

As the law now stands the Commission must rely on the extremely difficult method of persuasion in seeking compliance.

With this weakness in mind, EEOC recommends that Ordinance 379 be amended to give the Commission subpoena powers and authority to carry violators into court. A third recommendation is that all written city contracts contain a non-discrimination clause.

These amendments would certainly simplify the tasks of the Commission.

Another way of simplifying the job ahead will be for EEOC to add to its staff a representative of Baltimore's largest minority group, a group which suffers acutely from instances of hiring discrimination.

Some commissioners are desirous of creating a position on the staff for David L. Glenn, community service secretary of the Baltimore Urban League.

As the matter now stands, violators of Ordinance 379 could argue with embarrassing accuracy that EEOC is not practicing what it preaches.

THE AFRO'S CREDO

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people.

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured.

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums to provide jobs for everybody.

Whether it plays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice or compromise.

—JOHN MURPHY SR., 1920

Almost as easy to register to vote

Only seven more days

Only seven more days remain for unregistered persons to qualify for participation in the primary and general elections this year.

The deadline for including your name on the registration books is April 19.

The Board of Supervisors of Election has made it easy for all of us who are otherwise qualified to beat this deadline. This is being done through the mobile vote registration program which brings temporary registration offices to various neighborhoods in Baltimore.

The mobile registration program will be in effect until the final day for entering your name on the the rolls prior to the May 20 primary.

Among those eligible to take advantage of this new vote registration campaign are persons who have not yet reached the legal age but who will be 21 years old before the general election on Nov. 4.

The Register and Vote campaign which has the moral support of the NAACP has been seeking to get 100,000 colored registered voters by the April 19 deadline. The latest figure is approximately 11,000 shy of this goal.

With the 20-year-olds who will turn 21 by November and others who have not yet taken advantage of this cherished privilege, there is no reason why the drive should fail short by 11,000.

If you are a registered voter, why not encourage one of your unregistered friends to take advantage of enfranchisement?

Ghost voters survey

Action by the Board of Supervisors of Elections in turning thumbs down on his demand for a survey for ghost voters in the Fourth Precinct of the Eleventh Ward has not stopped Hyman A. Pressman, one-man watchdog committee on public affairs.

The Fourth Precinct is located smack in the midst of Redevelopment Area 12 and many residents of the area have been forced to move out.

Mr. Pressman charges, on behalf of a client seeking election to the House of Delegates that 362 persons carried on the ballot rolls as residing in the area were among those who moved out and and should not be permitted to vote in the precinct.

The Election Board's position in the controversy is that the findings of a ghost survey would not hinder registrants from having the right to vote in the precinct on May 20 or in the general election on a temporary registration certificate issued by judges of the election.

While Mr. Pressman has been relentless in challenging acts not in the best interest of the community, we go along with the Election Board in the ghost voters controversy.

Council vacancy

The untimely death of Michael J. Hankin, able Fifth District lawmaker, leaves a vacancy in the City Council.

The law provides that an interim appointment to fill the vacancy can be made by members of the Council. Mr. Hankin was elected in 1955 and his first term would have expired next spring.

This District comprises 122 precincts, encompassing the 16th and 20th Wards and parts of the 15th, 19th, 27th and 28th Wards. Four City Councilmen are provided for this area.

Little less than one-third of the registered voters in the Fifth District are colored. There are 80,960 white and 24,685 colored voters in the District.

This means that colored people are an important minority in this District. There are enough colored voters to insist that this vacancy be filled by one of them.

Readers Say

Writes about Pattie

Dear AFRO:

I am writing concerning the little girl (Patricia Fox), who was murdered in Vine Street.

First, I want to say that the mother of this child is a mother who looks after her children; they are in the house by six-thirty. When little Patricia was not in by seven, Mrs. Parker went looking for her.

At eight o'clock she went to the Pine St. Police Station. The desk sergeant there told her very unkindly that she would have to see the officer on that beat. She and the children in the block walked until about nine o'clock looking for the officer.

When she found him, he told her he was not on that beat but to contact Southwestern Police station.

When she called them, they told her to wait awhile, maybe she was in somebody's house watching television, and to call back later. This happened around ten o'clock. They were right, she was in a house right in the block, not watching television, but being murdered.

When Mrs. Parker called about eleven-thirty by that time everyone in the block was looking for the child, a lady said she would send the police right out. The police came about one o'clock and left, not even looking for the child.

Now what I want to say is this: I think if the police had given that young mother a little assistance right away instead of waiting until they saw fit, maybe a little girl's life could have been saved.

Maybe the next time something like this happens, some other mother and child will be spared from this cruel thing that has happened.

THE AUNT of the child
Morgan forum

Dear AFRO:

Just writing to let you know, as I told you by way of phone, how excellent we thought your handling of our Seaton vs. Humanism story was. Everybody here was very pleased with it.

REVELLA CLAY BRISCOE, Director
The News Bureau

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Some people certainly don't appreciate it when you try, with all the good and unselfish intentions in the world, to give them a little bit of help.

Take a friend of mine, or perhaps I should say an ex-friend, since for some mysterious reason he has stopped speaking to me,

It began the other day, when not having very much to do with my spare time, I stopped by to visit him and found that he was in the back yard on his knees planting what appeared to me some dirty dried up

IN AN attempt to be polite, I asked him what he was doing and right then and there I could see that he wasn't taking my interest in his labors with the right attitude.

"I'm looking for some worms," he said.

"New that's stupid," I answered quick as a wink, "anybody can see you're planting something."

"Well then, why in the blank did you ask me," he says.

After I informed him that I had no way to talk to a friend, I sat down on one of the boxes he had strewn about the yard and watched him.

I FIGURED he would enjoy having some pleasant company.

After watching him for about five minutes I could see he wasn't planting the flowers correctly, so being an honest man by nature I told him he was doing it all wrong.

Right then and there he took the trowel he had been using and plunged it downward just like he was stabbing somebody.

Unfortunately he missed the dirt and plunged the garden tool straight down into the deep hole with the result that somewhere along the way he cut his hand and blood started flowing in all directions.

"That's a nasty cut you've got there," I told him—But I think he must have already known that because of the way it was bleeding.

HE WENT in the house and stayed so long that I thought he had given up.

When he finally did come back, with a big bandage wrapped around his hand, he asked me straight out, unfriendly like:

"Why don't you go home?"

Well I don't need a house to fall on me to get a hint, but I figured he was just emotionally upset so I let the insult pass.

After all friendship counts for something.

AFTER HE started digging again, and believe me it was rather difficult with that big bandage on his hand, I started to give him some more free, but good advice.

"You have to handle those flowers gently or you'll kill them."

I thought I heard him say something about "I'll kill you," but it must have been my imagination.

"I'll bet you a beer that nothing comes up," I told him.

"The way you're doing it, those flowers won't live a week. Some people have green thumbs and some don't and you are obviously one of those that don't."

It's wasn't very warm outside, but I could see him sweating and his mouth was making strange sounds.

"You better be careful," I advised him, "you might get sun stroke."

"Now wouldn't that be something, getting sun stroke at this time of the year. You would be the first man in creation who ever got sun stroke in April."

Before I could get finished what I had to say several rather large clods of dirt narrowly missed my head.

Giving my friend the benefit of the doubt I decided it was an accident, but then again you never know about those things.

It was time to leave anyhow and as I said goodbye I thought I caught the sight of a tear in his eye.

Now that's what you call a real friend—he hated to see me go.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

People, places and things...

Dr. Martin Jenkins, Morgan president, and Mrs. Jenkins are in New York to attend funeral services of his maternal uncle, Steven Miller, well-known stage manager and scene designer.

Mr. Miller, 65, died on Wednesday. He was for about 20 years stage manager at the famed Apollo Theatre and was first — first to be assigned to work in a Broadway scene production shop.

His wife, Mrs. Magmar Miller, also survives. Your cards will reach her at 2047 Seventh Ave., N.Y., 40.

Mrs. Romaine Jones, school executive, entered Provident Hospital Thursday noon for a checkup and rest. She had been confined to home for the past ten days.

And do send cheer to Mrs. Sallie Logan, 1632 Druid Hill Ave., who has been confined to her home for many months.

It's another boy for the John F. Richardsons (Virginia) of 2207 Windsor Ave. Daddy is professor of psychology at Morgan State College.

Baby arrived on Tuesday at Johns Hopkins Hospital and weighed a little over six pounds.

Four-year-old Kevin will probably be disappointed when mother and baby arrive home Saturday. He was told the new baby would be either a girl or a boy and he misunderstood the word 'or' and is looking for both. Baby's name: Michael Clifton Francis, for his father and grandfathers.

You're in for a real treat if you plan to attend the Frontiers Club benefit midnight movie—April 18 at the Regent. Frontiersmen are having no trouble disposing of their $2 tickets so better grab one fast!

The movie is a premiere performance in this area so you can't give its title in print.

But there's the name of a Missouri town in the title.

P.S.—W. C. Handy died before he saw "The St. Louis Blues," the movie which is based on his life.

Dr. Louis E. Harmon is back from Montreal, Canada, where he attended the Atlantic regional conference of the dermatological conference at the General Hospital there.

Also had a chance to visit Montreal University and McGill University.

Seven applicants were interviewed for the job of minority placement specialist with the Employment Security Board to fill the post vacated by J. Alvin (Mickey) Jones.

A visit to Webb Center...

Walter Edmonds, the teacher, who is skilled in ceramics and shopwork et al gave instruction in clay modeling to eight and nine-year-old members of Jack and Jill Club on Saturday.

The kids were quite pleased and Mr. Edmonds's fears that he might not be able to keep smaller children entertained proved to be unfounded.

The meeting was at the Chick Webb Center, and there's another story.

This center is located at 623 N. Eden St., in the heart of a redevelopment area.

Here, dozens of children — forced to vacate homes in the immediate area, come to enjoy the limited facilities the center offers.

And while the Center does not begin to meet the pressing needs of the hundreds of kids in the area, it is a lighthouse in a storm.

Take the swimming program for example. Every day, Monday through Saturday an average of 600 youngsters use the 60-foot pool, and are able to get first-rate instruction in fundamentals.

Pinky Clark, the center director, and Wilbert Richardson, who provides the swimming instruction are proud of this record: Chick Webb Center has swim champions in all 20-yd. events!

Actually, you have to visit Webb Center when the swim classes are in session, to get an idea of the fun and entertainment the kids get.

This reporter marveled at the ease with which youngsters — some just five years old — do the breast stroke and dive in the water without batting an eye.

Here are some of the saw in action: and can they GO!—

Raymond Finch, 10, 130 Central Ave., fourth grader at School No. 139, who won the butterfly race in 13.0 back stroke in 14.2, two weeks ago at the Dundalk age group swim meet.

Phenious Smith, 1504 E. Monument, another 10-year-old is the free style champ 11.5 and breast champ and annexed his title at the same meet.

His brother, Renald, who is just seven, is a wizard in the water — finished the beginners' swim class in February and Webb staffers are banking on him as a champion swimmer in later years. He is particularly good on the free style and crawl and his teachers say he can pass tests above his age group.

Other Webb Center champs are: Alvin Thomas, 15, Dunbar student of 1418 E. Lafayette who was undefeated in the individual medley 200-yd. and the 100-yd. butterfly race swim meet; where he wore Dunbar's colors. He is on the school's junior varsity and if he makes the nationals, plenty of credit will go to Webb Center.

And, more on swimming—Dunbar High has a swimming team for the first time this year and they're proud of their 200-yd. free style champ, Robert Ragsdale, 15, 1100 E. Preston. He stands 5 ft. 6 and weighs 137 pounds, and you should see him swim that Webb pool!

Do youngsters who start their swimming instruction at Webb go further than high school competition. The answer is 'yes,' and Chick Webb staff point with pride to this—

Three former Chick Webb Center pupils — George Sutton, Elbe Howard and John Swann — are now on the swimming team at Tenn. A. and I. College where they are freshmen.

Latest word from the school is that Swann has already completed college requirements.

Not bad for a lighthouse in a storm.

PS—Webb pool is open 2 to 10 p.m. Monday thru Thursday; 1 to 6 p.m. on Fridays and 1 to 7 p.m. on Saturdays.

More people and things

April 12th birthday greetings to Dr. Frank A. DeCosta, director of student teaching at Morgan State College. Your cards will reach him at 2711 Elmer Ave.

Dr. Houston R. Jackson, 565 Pressman St., can put 50 candles on his birthday cake on April 14.

A. Jack Thomas, the well-known musician and co-owner with his wife of that prosperous chicken farm in Glen Burnie, marks his 74th birthday on April 16. Mrs. Thomas (Anita) celebrates hers on April 17. Their address: Magothy Park Beach, Md.

April 17th birthday greetings also to Mrs. Yvette Murphy, 2209 Windsor Ave., and sent hellos by April 13 to Dr. Irene Diggs, Morgan State College professor, at 2207 Southern Ave.

And greetings April 15 to Thomas Grafton Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Cook. He is a 1957 Douglass High grad and a worker in the NAACP Youth Council.

Send cards or condolences to the David Wrights Jr.—2001 Bryant Ave. and the Avon Wrights, 2044 N. Fulton Ave.

They lost their dad—Pattie Wright Sr., 420 W. Mosher St., early Tuesday morning. He was a retired B and O worker and active in Masonic circles.

His wife of 51 years, Mrs. Gertrude Wright, and two daughters—Zelmar Harris and Roberta Clarke, also survive.

And comfort too to the family of Donald Dorsey, Springfield State Hospital cook who died Tuesday evening at University Hospital where he had been confined for over a month with a heart ailment.

It was thought at first that he was rallying from the operations, but he took a turn for the worse. He leaves three small children. Address care his widow, Nettie, at 172 Winters Ave., Catonsville.

Funeral is Saturday, 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Church, Sykesville.

His mother, Mrs. Sarah Dorsey, and six sisters and three brothers, one of whom is director of student teaching at Morgan State College, Your cards will reach him at 2711 Elmer Ave.

John H. Murphy Jr., retired AFRO treasurer, who is still convalescing at home, escaped serious injury Monday evening when plaster fell on his bed room. He had just moved from the spot where the plaster fell.

Mrs. Annie K. Thomas, the Eastern Star leader, remains at her home, 1675 W. North Ave.

Also still confined: Mrs. Bessie Jackson, longtime Payne AME member of 1325 Woodyear St., and the AFRO Clean Block lady — Miss Frances L. Murphy, 2427 Madison Ave.

And hellos too to: Mrs. Ethel Barthrope who suffered a stroke while on a Miami vacation is back home now and much improved. She and her daughter, Elizabeth Telley, operate the Bar-Wil-Ba convalescent home at 2101 W. Cold Spring Lane.

Send cheer to: Mrs. Mabel Cooper, city teacher of 1837 Riggs Ave., who is recovering from a March 23rd operation at Provident Hospital.

Also in Provident since Wednesday evening: Mrs. Marjorie Ward, AFRO's Cherry Hill correspondent and wife of the Rev. Edgar Ward, Presbyterian minister.

Don't miss: Cossacks Extravaganza Saturday at the Coliseum; the Brice Trip at Sharp St. Methodist Church Sunday at 5 p.m.

Episcopal Bishop Noble C. Powell officiates at 11 a.m. confirmation at St. James' Church Sunday and the annual parish meeting is that afternoon at the Famous Ballroom.

Some 50 young people from East Coast are due here Saturday for the Junior Business meeting sessions, are at the Professional Club, regional meeting. Sessions are at the Madison Ave. YWCA.

REPORTERS' REPORT

Along the way

By STEVE DUNCAN

Book wormism is finally coming into its own.

Everywhere but in the most boorish gatherings people are discussing the state of the nation's education crisis.

There seems to be a real concern around the country over crowded conditions in our secondary schools. Many critics feel that academically the schools are failing to do a good job in the effort to be all things to everybody.

GIFTED youngsters, so this line of reasoning goes, are being woefully abused because of the lack of facilities to make full use of their latent potentials.

Overworked and underpaid school teachers have their hands full if they can just keep order in the overcrowded classrooms. There isn't time to give individual attention to their charges.

Happily, the American people at long last are demanding that something be done to set our educational house in order.

EDUCATORS for years have been trying to shout above the Saturday football crowds to sound the warning. Theirs, however, have been like voices crying in the wilderness.

It wasn't until Russia beat us to the heavens that we became seriously concerned with waning intellectualism.

At the rate things are going now however, it's not too far-fetched to hazard a guess that the anemic-looking math whiz who can carry the figure 9 to the google power will shortly replace the quarterback as Saturday's hero.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

For the price of $1.25 you too can conduct your own public opinion poll.

That's the price for a haircut in the average barbershop, and it's there where you can get a quick rundown on everything from the Bible to baseball.

On a visit to your local barber shop this week-end, pay attention and you will learn that the average man has formed definite opinions about the following:

On western stories on TV: Gunsmoke leads the pack followed by Have Gun Will Travel, Maverick, Cheyenne.

On the latest dirt out of Hollywood: Some stories don't ring true in that sensational stabbing case involving that queen of the cinema.

On what should happen to the person responsible for the death of seven-year-old Pattie Fox: Something drastic. Exact words can't be printed. Too foul.

On the proposed plans for the downtown Charles Center: It will never be completed.

On recession: It's no longer a joking matter. Too many people close to home have been laid off from their jobs.

HAD NO idea until Tuesday that there is no way to determine whether or not blood plasma contains a virus.

This fact came to light in Homicidal Court when police told a story of how an individual who was shot in the leg died after he was given a blood transfusion.

It was said that the poor fellow had lost so much blood before entering the hospital that he wasn't strong enough to ward off the virus attack.

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

PAL HELD AFTER VIRUS CAUSES DEATH

"This case was one in a thousand."

"It's so insignificant that doctors are unable to chart the number of times it has happened.

"The hospital had no way of knowing the blood contained a virus."

Those were the comments exchanged between police and an assistant state's attorney Tuesday afternoon during a hearing of one of the most unusual cases ever brought to Homicide Court.

As a result of the strange case in which a 46-year-old construction worker died after contracting a virus during a blood transfusion the day after he was shot in the left leg, John Joie Buie, 48, of the 500 block W. Duncan St., was held without bail for action of the grand jury.

Mr. Buie was charged with shooting and causing the death of his longtime friend and roommate David (Shaky) Cole.

At the time of the shooting, which Mr. Buie allegedly termed "accidental," both men were residing in the 2100 block of McElderry St.

ACCORDING TO Lt. Robert Frank of the Northeastern District, Mr. Cole was wounded on December 26 and died on February 24 at Johns Hopkins Hospital from hepatitis (an inflammation of the liver) which led to complications in the healing of the gunshot wound.

In an autopsy report Dr. Paul F. Guerin, assistant city medical examiner pointed out that in every transfusion there is the possibility of contracting a virus but the chances are rare.

The report also indicated that Mr. Cole had lost a large quantity of blood before entering the hospital.

Police said that when an investigation was made of the shooting last December, Buie denied any knowledge of what had taken place.

It was also disclosed that until his death, Cole maintained that he did not know who had shot him.

Police said there were no witnesses to the incident and that the .38 caliber weapon involved in the shooting has never been found.

Mr. Buie was arrested at his home the day Cole died.

BEFORE Magistrate Standley L. Richardson Tuesday, Buie entered a plea of not guilty.

In a report allegedly signed on the date of his arrest, police said Mr. Buie stated the following:

"Shaky and I were sitting on the steps and I had a .38 in my hand when it went off accidentally and struck him in the leg.

"Shaky said that bullet hit me. It stings. He said I'm not going to say nothing about it and don't you."

According to the statement Buie tried to get a taxicab to take his friend to the hospital, but the driver refused to take them so they decided to wait until the following morning to call an ambulance.

In connection with the weapon Buie's alleged statement read: "The gun had three bullets in it. I threw it away at Collington and McElderry.

"I was afraid. I didn't know what to do. I felt funny. Nothing like that ever happened to me before."

Assistant State's Attorney Norman Polski also read to the court a portion of the report which said that Buie and Cole "had been in fights before."

CHICKS FOR SALE · Robert Smith, 265 Exter St., shows off some real live baby chicks for sale during Easter Saturday shopping on Pennsylvania Ave. to four interested youths. The potential customers are, second from left, Albert Dorsey, 549 Laurens St., John Valentine, 1149 Fremont Ave., and Joe Mills, 1721 Division St.

Correction Board survey finds county jails still segregated

Racial segregation of prisoners is still practiced in county jails and lockups in Maryland, the Board of Corrections 31st report of the inspection of county jails disclosed.

The report of inspection of the county jails of Maryland reiterated an earlier recommendation that attention be given the handling of juveniles and females and that matron service be extended in certain areas.

Joe B. Dellinger, jail inspector, recommended the use of regional detention facilities for juveniles "so that their responsibility may be removed from the jail administrators."

The report was made after an inspection of the 23 county jails, the Baltimore city jail and 30 lockups.

THE REPORT showed that in two cities — Hyattsville and Prince George's County and Cumberland in Allegany County—lockups were being used to hold persons far beyond the usual waiting period to appear before a magistrate.

In Cumberland, the report state, "prisoners were actually serving five to ten day sentences in lieu of fines, and with nothing more than a steel bench around a large bull pen to sleep on.

"The county jail here is less than half a mile away.

IN SEVERAL instances, it was recommended that a full time warden be appointed for jails to permit the sheriff, now serving as jailer, to give his full attention to work as a peace officer.

The report recommended that work be provided for prisoners serving sentences in jails not now providing work.

It was suggested that such work could be on county roads, around the county buildings or on courthouse yards.

Petit jurors for 3-week term

The following are, among those selected to serve as petit jurors for the fifth three weeks of the January Term that began Monday:

SUPERIOR COURT — Judge Edwin Harlan — Paul Bond, clerk, 2527 Laurella Ave., Thomas W. Grooms, clerk, 1811 Buxton Ave.;

Mrs. Merenda E. Morgan, janitress, 2311 Biggs Ave.; Charles L. Johnson, porter, 1503 N. Hilton St.; and Mrs. Dorie M. Caldwell, housewife, 435 Bloom St.

SUPERIOR COURT — Judge Paul Mason — Mrs. Martha E. Carter, housewife, 2129 N. Pulaski St.; and Mrs. Loretta B. Nottingham, housewife, 2027 Wheeler Ave.

CITY COURT—Chief Judge Emory H. Niles — James S. Penn, clerk, 838 N. Fulton Ave.; James Stovall, utility man, 2630 Boone St., and Leon Robinson, painter, 1708 W. Fayette St.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—Judge S. Ralph Warnken—William A. Adams, chauffeur, 2012 McCulloh St.

JUDGE AT LARGE—Judge Joseph Allen—Irving Bevans, messenger, 1914 McKean Ave.; Mrs. Rosa Farmer, notary public, 1122 N. Fulton Ave.; George E. Lee, janitor, 1026 N. Fulton Ave., and Mrs. Myla L. Harris, dressmaker, 1134 Argyle Ave.

JUDGE AT LARGE — Judge Joseph Byrnes — Mrs. Martha A. Holland, control clerk, 3417 Dunmore Ave.; Mrs. Martha G. Boyce, housewife, 1419 E. Madison St., and Mrs. Edith P. Cavanaugh, sales representative, 2040 Ruxton Ave.

Rubin Gertz backed

Rubin Gertz, has been endorsed by the Lawyers' Committee Chairmen, in his candidacy for election as an associate judge of the Orphans' Court.

In a letter sent to every member of the local Bar on Tuesday, Mr. Gertz's qualifications were listed by the group.

Decision reverses man's 'guilty' plea

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—The U.S. Supreme Court Monday ordered lower Federal Courts in the District of Columbia to permit a defendant to change his plea from guilty to not guilty in a case involving assault with a loaded pistol.

Without listening to oral arguments in the case, the Supreme Court reversed the U.S. Court of Appeals and remanded the case to the District Court with directions to permit the withdrawal of the guilty plea.

Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin, in a brief for the Government, confessed error.

MR. RANKIN said the record did not show that Judge Alexander Holtzoff in the District Court had disposed of the claim of Clarence B. Dandridge that his plea of guilty had been entered while he was suffering from a disabling illness.

The defendant claimed that the illness prevented him from making a knowing and intelligent waiver of his rights to a trial.

Dandridge was indicted Sept. 4, 1956, on a charge of having assaulted Robert W. Allen on July 8, 1956, with a loaded pistol. He allegedly shot Allen in the left shoulder. Dandridge claimed that on the night of the shooting he was beaten up by Allen and that he was attacked twice the next day by Allen.

ON SEPT. 7, 1956, Dandridge, who was not represented by counsel, pleaded not guilty. On Oct. 16, 1956 his lawyer, after consulting with his client, withdrew the plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty.

Dandridge wrote Judge Holtzoff on Oct. 21, 1956, asking to change his plea to not guilty. At the hearing on Nov. 2, 1956, Judge Holtzoff denied Dandridge permission to change his plea. Dandridge was sentenced to three to nine years.

The Court of Appeals, by a 2 to 1 decision, affirmed the denial of leave to change the plea.

Council given proposals to aid workers

The City Council on Tuesday received resolutions favoring a time and payment increase in unemployment insurance benefits, and an increase in the personal exemption for Federal income tax.

The first resolution was in support of a proposal by the Baltimore Council of AFL-CIO Unions to increase from 16 present 26 weeks to 39, unemployment payments.

Also, to increase such payments to 65 percent of the average weekly wage of the individual.

The second resolution is aimed at raising from $600 to $700, the amount of each personal exemption on Federal income tax.

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