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IN SHOW — Adelaide Jackson, Baltimore's model of the year and the AFRO's "Miss Sputnik," who will appear in a Vanity Fair Sunday, Aug. 24, at the Ka-Ke club in Washington, the first integrated professional fashion show in the District.

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# —Ministers rap Mayor

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tor of St. John AME Church, said: "The mayor has visited our church several times.

"Under all circumstances the mayor should see a group of Christian ministers, especially when they are interested in the welfare of the entire citizenry.

"I know of no instance before in which a mayor has refused to see the clergy."

**Refused appointment**

Correspondence between the mayor and the inter-church ministers began on August 6 when the religious group sent the following telegram:

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro
City Hall

"Members of the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, who minister weekly to more than 125,000 Baltimore citizens, have requested an audience with you to register our opinion concerning the influence we hope you will exert to insure passage of Proposed Ordinance No. 1653 (The Dixon Bill).

"A Mr. Carroll, secretary in your office, refused us an appointment.

"We eagerly await word from you regarding the possibility of (your conferring with) a delegation of our group."

The telegram was signed by the Rev. Mr. Bascom and the Rev. Mr. Kearse.

**Mayor's reply**

In replying to the telegram in a letter dated August 7, the mayor wrote:

Dear Rev. Holmes (sic)

"I have your telegram of August 6 and hasten to assure you that I understand and appreciate the interest of your organization in Ordiance No. 1653.

"Recently, the Public Relations Committee of the City Council, under the chairmanship of the Honorable Thomas F. Fallon, heard the arguments of the proponents of the ordinance.

"Councilman Fallon has informed me that additional hearings for opponents and perhaps others are to be scheduled after the City Council reconvenes.

"Needless to say, I am following these proceedings with great interest.

"While I know that you are anxious to present your views to me, I am sure you will appreciate the desirability, in the interest of orderly governmental procedures, of awaiting the completion of public hearings and the presentation of all sides of the question."

**"I HAVE** no idea why the mayor's office in sending me a letter addressed to Rev. Marion Bascom, should in the letter itself address me as Rev. Mr. Holmes" the Rev. Mr. Bascom declared.

After receiving the mayor's letter the Rev. Mr. Bascom issued the following statement:

"Some days ago, acting at the direction of the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance of Baltimore which represents approximately 125,000 parisoners a telegram was sent to Mayor D'Alesandro requesting a conference in regard to Ordinance No. 1653, the Dixon Bill, which has to do with equal rights and privilege of all persons in public places.

"It should be noted that before the telegram was sent, efforts had been made to arrange a conference with the mayor by phone. These efforts proved futile, and at points, a secretary Mr. Carroll, was quite adamant when we urged the mayor to see us.

"Mr. D'Alesandro, in replying to our telegram, still refuses to see us, to hear our views or discuss the ordinance aforementioned.

**"In my opinion his attitude is an affront to the citizens in this community and indicates his unwillingness to counsel with a large segment of the community.**

"Further, if he will procrastinate with an ordinance, more than a year old on the local scene, it seems highly improbable that, it he were elected to the United States Senate, that he could be depended upon there to stand in the interest and for the interest of all persons in this nation of ours.

"In a day or two I shall be calling upon all ministers in this community to acquaint them with, what to me, is one of the saddest expressions of the mayor's concern for members of our community."

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**THE REV. MR. BASCOM** listed the names of pastors on the inter-church committee to confer with the mayor as follows:

The Rev. Isaac M. Gray, St. John AME; the Rev. A. J. Paine, Zion Baptist; the Rev. I. A. Miller, Trinity AME; the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, Bethel AME; the Rev. Willard L. Clayton, Macedonia Baptist.

The Rev. J. Timothy Boddie, Shiloh Baptist; the Rev. Julius Carroll, Sharp Street Methodist; the Rev. Frank L. Williams, Metropolitan Methodist; the Rev. T. M. Edwards, AME, Randallstown.

The Rev. Edmodd Meade, Israel Baptist; then Rev. J. B. Butler, Mt. Sinai Baptist; the Rev. Frank J. Prye, Ames Methodist; the Rev. W. B. Nash, Waters AME; the Rev. I. Lozan Kearse, secretary and the Rev. Mr. Bascom, chairman.

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**THE REV. MR. KEARSE,** in his full statement, said:

"I called the mayor's office and asked his secretary for an appointment with our pastors.

"He was very curt, and almost insulting.

"The secretary put on the phone a secretary of some one at the City Council.

"I said our committee did not wish to appear before City Council, we wanted to see the mayor.

"The secretary conferred with someone in the office and advised me: "The mayor will not see you. That's all."

"I asked who has the final authority in making the mayor's appointments.

"The secretary said: Mr. Lidinsky, and I make appointments.

"Mr. Lidinsky" he added, "is out, will not be back until Monday. If you will give me your telephone number, I will have him call you Monday."

"No one called Monday.

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**"AT THE CHAIRMAN'S** request I telegraphed the mayor direct saying his office had refused to see a committee of clergymen and asked for an appointment.

"The mayor replied by letter which substantiated his secretary's position.

"His Honor, like Mr. Carroll, said no. I am not going to give you an appointment.—In substance, the mayor says: "I will try to give you an explanation, which is no explanation at all.

"But he still refuses to give us an audience with himself.

"My considered opinion is that his letter is an evasion.

"The mayor does not want to see us for political reasons.

"There should be no partisan politics in civil rights.

"Politically, I am a registered Democrat.

"The committee has been affronted and we do not like it."

No date has been set for a public hearing on the Dixon civil rights bill and delay is seen as an effort to wait until after November general elections in which Mr. D'Alesandro is a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate.

He is opposed by the Republican incumbent, Sen. J. Glenn Beall.

DEATH SCENE aboard the S.S. Majorka was a sugar-laden forward hole. X marks spot where William J. Smith was buried beneath 2,000 pounds of sugar, broken rope (arrow left) caused sling with 20 bags of sugar to drop about 55 feet on top of longshoreman, Arrow right marks other end of sling.

# —'2,000 lbs. on him...'

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**once, but he was dead when he got to the hospital," the winch-operator said.**

Working alongside Mr. Smith at the time of the accident was Solomon Purdie, 54, 834 Whitmore Ave.

The "sling" the longshoremen refer to is a canvas in which the sugar was loaded. It was one of the ropes at the ends of the canvas which broke as the load was hoisted to cause the accident.

**"AS SAFETY** conscious as we are it's a shame that something like this had to happen," said W. J. Brown, superintendent for the Nacirema Operating Co.

Shift Foreman Frederick Poetzel told the AFRO:

**"All the gear is checked before they go to work on a new ship. It was just one of those things.**

"I've seen quite a few of them (accidents) but it still hurts my stomach."

**MR. POETZEL** said he was standing on the wharf and saw the hook "jump up into the air" when the rope on the sling broke.

**Allen Blount, wharf leader of 1122 Harlem Ave., another co-worker, said: "It was awful. I went and got the basket to send down to the hold to bring him out."**

Another co-worker, Willie Clark, 24 Bruce St., said: "It was a terrible sight. He was really crushed up pretty bad."

**MR. SMITH'S** family, shocked by the sudden tragedy, said he had been working as a longshoreman for less than a year.

His wife, Mrs. Hassie Smith, said her husband was born and reared in Roxboro, N.C. and came to Baltimore in 1935.

**Before he sought employment as a longshoreman he had been a steelworker.**

He is survived by two children, Leon, 20, and Rosaly Lavone, 11.

During nearly five years in the Army, Mr. Smith had spent some time in Alaska and was discharged in 1945 as a sergeant.

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**OTHER SURVIVORS** include:

**His mother, Mrs. Ida Smith; two brothers, Edgar and Landres, all of Baltimore, and,**

Seven sisters, Mesdames Julia Brooks, Naluna Brooks, Odell Deshago, Lois Quick, Pauline Walker, all of Baltimore, and Mesdames Maudelia Crutchfield and Kinnie Hamlett, of Roxboro.

# Ex-officer fined $50 for larceny

"The effect the guilty verdict, the $50 fine and the 60-day suspended sentence will all have on his future will be enough punishment for him," said Magistrate Howard L. Aaron at Southwestern Police Court yesterday (Thursday).

The magistrate was speaking of Russell W. Johnson, 23, 3306 block bloomingdale Rd., a former policeman charged with larceny.

The defendant had been stationed in the very district where his case was heard. He resigned from the force in 1956 after 14 months' service to attend Morgan State College where he completed one year in June.

Mr. Johnson, pleading no contest, was charged with the larceny of a plastic handbag, valued at $4. Daniel Fitzhugh, the owner, said the bag contained $15. Mr. Fitzhugh is a vocalist in a Silver Spring night club.

It was testified that Mr. Johnson attended a party at the home of John Homer and Miss Olive Graham in the 2500 block W. Fairmount Ave.

Mr. Johnson did not deny picking up a purse in the bath room (he declared, however, the purse only contained $2.)

Johnson rushed out of the house, Magistrate Aaron said testimony showed, and got into a car driven by his brother, Carroll Johnson, 24, 2400 block Elsinor Ave.

When Carroll Johnson found out why his brother was in such a great hurry, he peremanded him, witnesses said. He was not charged as an accessory.

# —Powell wins

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overthrow at next year's elections of every district leader who campaigned against Powell. And, Jones called names.

He singled out Elijah Crump, himself once a candidate for the dubious pleasure of running against Powell, and each of the other five leaders who followed the Tammany line.

**NEWSMEN CAME** up short as Powell and Jones scotched reports that they were going to support Nelson Rockefeller in his bid to unseat Governor Harriman in November.

Powell said he would support Harriman if asked but chuckled when reminded that his (Powell's) name on the Republican slate would be an aid to the Rockefeller candidacy in Harlem.

The decision by Powell and his advisors not to back Rockefeller means all-out war within the Harlem branch of the Democratic Party. This is the way the power play will operate.

Powell has said he will support Harriman if asked. But Harriman and DeSapio will have to do more than ask.

They must sit down with Powell and agree to a revamping of the patronage power structure in Harlem.

Only then will Powell agree to campaign for Harriman who openly sought to replace Powell with another candidate.

This means that the left-overs from Roosevelt's "Black Cabinet," Ann Hedgeman, Frank Horne, and Robert Weaver (all of whom supported Brown) will be hard-pressed to keep their plush patronage jobs.

The best bet in Harlem today (Wednesday) is that there will be a long line of political sinners streaming into Powell's office seeking absolution for the sin of backing Brown.

Powell, sources say, would be willing to go along with the pentitents but seasoned politician Jones is out for blood. Hedgeman et al are not his real objectives.

Jones wants Boro President Hulan Jack's head on a Tammany-sponsored platter.

Insiders say he will settle for nothing less.

But Hedgeman et al have been the darling of Jack. They are too removed from New York's power politics.

Thus it may well be that when the dusk clears Hulan Jack and his Tammany loyalists will be dumped for a slate of Harlemites sponsored by Jones and backed by Powell.

Powell's victory means that the national Democratic party is in trouble if Powell is denied the chairmanship of powerful congressional committees on which he is now the ranking member.

Powell's campaign charge that he is the "congressman-at-large for colored Americans" is not idle chatter.

The colored vote in 1960 may well depend on how the Democrats treat Powell during the next two years.

# Father, $1,138 in hole, gets break in court

Charles Boykins, a construction laborer, is $1,138.34 in arrears in weekly support payments for his wife and two children, but he got a break in Criminal Court on Wednesday.

Judge Joseph Allen imposed a suspended 18-months sentence on the House of Correction, but suspended the term after young Boykins promised to pay $100 on Thursday.

The promise of money to be paid to the probation Department accompanied another significant promise made by Mr. Boykins' attorney.

Said the lawyer: "I am going to get him a job today with some clients of mine who are in the construction business. He will make $1.25 an hour."

Said Judge Allen: "I want to warn you, I will continue probation without verdict but if there is any further violation, you'll get a sentence and go to jail.

"I'm not going to fool around with you.

"You fulfill your promises. You pay that $100 not later than tomorrow and make the regular weekly payments or you'll serve some time."

# 'I think so too,' agrees defendant found guilty

"You're the kind of driver we can do without."

"I'm going to recommend that you never get a license—I think you'll be better off," Traffic Court Magistrate S. Robert Levinson told Andrew Harcum, 1300 block of Gilmor St., Monday.

He then fined Mr. Harcum $110 and costs for reckless driving, failure to stop after an accident and operating a vehicle alone with a learner's card.

"Yes sir," answered the defendant, "I think so too."

"You think what" asked the surprised magistrate?

**"I said I think I'll be better off without a license too. I'm glad you recommended it," answered the 21-year-old mechanic quietly.**

Auburn Bailey, 24, of the 2000 block of Elsinor Ave., testified that Mr. Harcum rammed into his cab at Ensor and Orleans St. about noon Sunday and had failed to stop and identify himself.

**HE STATED** that he gave chase and stopped the car four blocks from the scene of the accident.

**"Why didn't you stop," asked Magistrate Levinson?**

"I did stop, your honor; I waited for the police to come."

"Why didn't you stop before this man had to chase you," the magistrate repeated?

"I don't know," was the dejected reply.

# VFW convention

The 80 member Maryland Delegation to the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to be held during the week of August 17-22 will leave from various points of Maryland on August 17 for New York City the site of the 1958 National Convention.

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TIMMY ROGERS

# —Timmy Rogers

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chest-breaking three ribs.

**ROGERS SAYS** he asked for the commanding officer but that the request was refused. The officer refused to allow the performers to leave the base until they had completed the performance.

In a statement released to the Overseas Weekly, the Major denied the charges but Rogers' wife, who lives in New York, told the AFRO that her husband will file assault and battery charges against him.

# Youth freed of attack

"She may not have wanted the intimate relationship, but under the law in this state there must be resistance up to the last minute.

"Her screams did not indicate to me she was resisting as much as she might."

**Judge Anselm Sodaro gave this reasoning in Criminal Court Tuesday, in acquitting Henry L. Brooks, 20, unit block Bond Ave., Reisterstown, of a criminal attack charge.**

A 17-year-old housekeeper, of St. Paul Ave., Reistertown, told Judge Sodaro Mr. Brooks attacked her on the evening of June 8, when both attended a party at a house in the 800 block N. Calhoun St.

She said the attack occurred in a darkened alley in the rear of the 900 block N. Carey St., while they were taking a walk.

"Henry was like a brother to me," she said, explaining her companionship. "I have known him for five years."

Mrs. Emma Higgins, 900 block N. Carey St., testified that her house is near the alley, and that she heard screams coming from it on the evening in question.

# —Mrs. Dorsey

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**Coppin Teachers College and New York University.**

She had been a teacher since 1929. At the time of her death she was assigned to Coleridge Taylor Elementary School No. 122.

She was a member of the Phi Delta Kappa and the Order of Eastern Star. She and Mr. Dorsey celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary this past June 24.

Beside her husband she is survived by five sisters, Misses Blanche and Myrtle Young and Mesdames Beatrice Carter, Lillian Bell and Bernice Jones, and two brothers, John and Clarence Young, all of Baltimore.

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# Urge minorities to seek better housing

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# 'This foolish crime of mine'

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"Life to me is useless to live. Of course I want a jury trial.

"I loved and still love this sweet woman so I want to join her in hell.

"I have loved her since I met her while in the Army. I was tired. I just couldn't stand anymore."

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**ACCORDING TO** police, that was the letter they received from William Thomas White of the 1600 block Eutaw Pl., following the death of Mrs. Oressa Mae Lewis.

In Homicide Court Tuesday afternoon, the letter was read by Assistant State's Attorney Norman Polski when White was given a preliminary hearing.

**A plea of not guilty was entered for the 37-year-old roofer by Chief Magistrate Standley Richardson.**

Later White was ordered held without bail pending action of the grand jury.

Testimony was given that the 35-year-old Mrs. Lewis was strangled to death with a leather belt in her Eutaw Pl., apartment last July 29th.

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**SGT. ROBERT LEWIS** of the Homicide Squad testified that on the afternoon of the 29th, his department received a phone call from an unknown man who requested that police meet him in the 1100 block of Pennsylvania Ave.

The officers were instructed to look for a man in khaki clothing in front of a package goods store.

**Upon making contact with White, Sgt. Lewis stated police were directed to a first-floor apartment at 1627 where they found the dead woman in a bath tub partially submerged under water.**

On top of a chest of drawer, four letters including one addressed to the Homicide Squad and allegedly signed by White were found.

The defendant attended the hearing dressed in a khaki shirt and khaki trousers.

While the court was in session, White centered his attention on automobile traffic near the court room window.

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# 3rd loan co. robber gets 20-year term

A 20-year penitentiary sentence was given in Criminal Court Thursday to George Braxton, 24, 600 block Pennsylvania Ave., for participating in the $1,258 armed robbery of a loan company in the 400 block S. Broadway last December 9.

The accused man entered a guilty plea before Judge Ansel Sodaro.

**His two companions in the daylight holdup, Raymond Holmes and Edward A. Ray, were sentenced to 12 and 16 years, respectively, in the House of Correction, in February.**

Julius A. Romano, assistant State's Attorney, told the court that Mr. Braxton's statement to police at the time of his arrest revealed that he is married, has four children, and had just drawn two unemployment checks for $40 on the day of the robbery.

The statement revealed that the three drove to the loan company office shortly after 2 p.m. and Braxton and Ray entered with pistols, while Holmes remained outside as "lookout."

# Landlord, 66, held in death of tenant, 59

Following the fatal stabbing of a tenant at his home in the 600 block W. Conway St., John R. Cameron, 66, was charged with homicide Wednesday afternoon in Central Police Court.

**He was ordered held without bail pending a hearing to be set by the State's Attorney's office.**

Mr. Cameron was arrested at his home Tuesday morning in connection with the death of Ezekiel Bush, 59.

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**THREE MEN** and a woman were also picked up for questioning at the Conway St. address but were released by Southern District police Wednesday morning.

Police reported that the elderly victim was stabbed twice in the chest after he struck a man with a bucket during a dispute over noises in the house.

The investigation was conducted by Sgt. Kenneth Scales and Patrolmen John Jackman, Joseph Wegworth and Roy Spruill of the Southern District.

# Traffic charges filed against two

Traffic charges were filed on Monday against Josh Whitely, 27, of the 800 block N. Fulton Ave., and John R. Knopp, 20, 1400 block Clairidge Rd., following a collision at Carey and Mosher Sts.

**As a result of the accident around 1:30 p.m., Mr. Knopp suffered head, neck and back injuries and was admitted to Franklin Square Hospital.**

He was charged with reckless driving while Mr. Whitely was charged with failing to grant the right-of-way at a stop sign.

A third vehicle, a truck owned by William L. Lomax of the 1300 block Annapolis Rd. was damage when the Knopp car overturned.

# Suit asks $5,000 for bite by rat

A $5,000 suit charging his daughter was bitten by rats while living in a house at 1801 Barclay St., has been filed in City Court against the alleged landlord.

**James Sutton, now residing in the 1700 block Barclay St., filed the suit on behalf of his 17-year-old daughter, Joan, whom he says was asleep when she was bitten on the arm by a rat in July 1957.**

The suit alleges neglect on behalf of the landlord, identified in the papers as one Benjamin N. Eisenberg, 2100 block

# 2 Park policemen resign posts

The Board of Park Commissioners accepted the resignation of two park policemen on Tuesday.

**Resigning were Patrolman James D. Gordon, 32, 2544 Arunah Ave., and Donald D. Chandler, 24, 1801 Ashburton St.**

Mr. Gordon began employment as a park policeman in July, 1955 and submitted his resignation as of August 1.

Mr. Chandler was employed on two occasions as a park policeman. He was first hired in June, 1956, but resigned to take work at the Harbor Tunnel.

Upon resigning from the latter position he was again hired as a Park Policeman in December, 1957. Mr. Chandler's resignation became effective as of July 31.

Present at the meeting were Park Board members including J. Alvin Jones, S. L. Hammerman, George G. Shriver, James H. Geathes, Mrs. William J. Rysanek and James C. Anderson, as well as Mr. Hook.

**CHARLES A. HOOK,** superintendent of parks later said he may ask the Board of Estimates to give special permission to fill the two vacancies on the force created by the resignations.

**"In view of the recent violence in one of the parks, the Board of Estimates may allow us to fill the vacancies,"** he said.

"I am going to write for the permission."

Mr. Hook explained that the recent freeze placed on city jobs by the Board of Estimates does not allow further hiring of personnel "except when absolutely necessary."

CHIEF OF THE MAILS—The raised hand belongs to William F. Laukaitis who was sworn in as Baltimore's postmaster on Tuesday Judge Roszel C. Thomsen is administering the oath of office.

# William Laukaitis takes office as postmaster

The oath of office was administered to William F. Laukaitis, Tuesday, after his commission by President Dwight D. Eisenhower as Postmaster of Baltimore by the Honorable Roszel C. Thomsen, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

Mr. Laukaitis, acting postmaster for 18 months was confirmed by the Senate on July 16, 1958 as postmaster of Baltimore.

He was nominated to the post on May 29, 1958 by President Eisenhower. Mr. Laukaitis was appointed acting postmaster February 15, 1957 by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield on recommendation of Senator John Marshall Butler.

Mr. Laukaitis was born in Baltimore, Maryland on January 23, 1900, is married and resides at 4613 Briarcliff Rd., Hunting Ridge, Baltimore, Maryland.

He was educated in the public schools of Baltimore City, Baltimore City College, Milton University (Baltimore), University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University and the National University (George Washington University).

He holds the following academic degrees - Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws, Master of Patent Laws, and Doctor of Juridical Science.

He was engaged in the general practice of law since 1931. His interest in civic activities and organizations are varied and numerous.

# Two women hurt in auto accident

Two women suffered minor injuries last Sunday in a collision between two cars at Druid Hill Ave. and McMechen St.

**The were: Miss Mary Richardson, 29, and Miss Delores Grayson, 23, both of the 1400 block Harlem Ave.**

At Provident Hospital Miss Richardson was treated for an ankle injury and Miss Grayson for a head injury.

Both were passengers in an automobile driven by Willie C. Void, 32, of the 2800 block W. Mulberry St., police said.

Police charged Mr. Void with reckless driving and with operating his automobile on an expired license.

Robert C. Moran Jr. 22, of the 400 block Norwood Ave., driver of the second car was charged with reckless driving.

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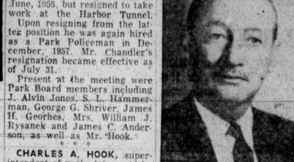

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