# EDITORIAL PAGE

*Everyone can master a grief but he that hath it.* —SHAKESPEARE.

## Colored-Be-Damned Policy

After seven years of protests and legal jousting, we recently won the right to play golf on all city-maintained courses.

This right was given in the decision handed down by Federal Judge W. Calvin Chesnut in the case filed in the name of Charles R. Law. A section of the Judge's ruling stated:

The superiority of the white golf courses over that at Carroll Park is roughly comparable, in the field of railroad transportation, to that of the Pullman car with the day coach."

The implication of these words is clear.

Judge Chesnut's decision clearly is a rebuke of the Baltimore Board of Recreation and Parks, of which Robert Garrett is president. This board, appointed by Mayor D'Alesandro, refused to admit colored persons to all courses.

The argument of the board was that golf facilities were equal for colored and white. But court testimony showed this argument to be silly. And the board and Garrett knew it to be silly when they made it.

But they made it because they had a higher regard for antiquated traditions of Maryland than for the civil rights of citizens.

This is why both the Park Board and the city were named defendants in the case.

The defendants were of two different types. In the first instance, the city simply defended the matter from a neutral position because it was being sued and had to act.

In the second instance, the defendant was aggressive, actively working for jim crow and segregation against the rights of minority groups, with no attention being paid to the civil rights of citizens.

In short, this may be described as the lilly-white, colored people-be-damned policy.

This policy is of paramount importance now because it appears that the present action of the park board is to maintain it in spite of the recent court ruling that all people use the courses.

The board has indicated that it plans to set up hours for colored and hours for white golfers. This is absurd. And if there is going to be any separation for colored, then we are going to insist on separation for Jews, Italians and all other minorities.

Further, if there is to be any restriction on the use, hours or facilities of the golf courses in any respect, then the burden will have to be placed on the city solicitor, the board of recreation and parks and the D'Alesandro administration.

For had they wanted, these persons and agencies could have abolished park segregation without the golfers' having to seek recourse in the courts.

## More College ROTC Units

Another AFRO-AMERICAN campaign bore its first fruit last week with the announcement that three more land grant colleges have been authorized to set up ROTC units by the beginning of the fall term.

Slated to get units, probably by September, are Morgan State College, Baltimore; Southern University, Baton Rouge, La., and Florida A. and M. College at Tallahassee.

While the AFRO played a leading part in publicizing the lack of ROTC units in our institutions, and in urging these to apply, it was President Truman who issued the order to Secretary of the Army Royall which makes this increase possible.

But it was James C. Evans, aide to Secretary of Defense Forrestal, and the Association of Colored Land Grant Colleges, headed by Dr. John W. Davis, president of West Virginia State College, who kept backing away at the excuses and alibis given out by Army brass.

There now remain nine land grant colleges still without ROTC units and five of these have applications on file, so that there must be a continuing campaign until all have them. Wilberforce, Tuskegee and Howard have had units but they are not land grant colleges.

A year ago this month there were 163 senior ROTC units in so-called white institutions, while our ROTC units in similar institutions have been limited to A. and T. College Greensboro, N.C.; West Virginia State College, Prairie View (Tex.) College, Va. State College and S. C. State College.

The nine institutions without units are located in Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

It should further be kept in mind that there is not a single Navy ROTC at any of our institutions although 13 out of 52 such units have been established at schools in the Deep South.

The AFRO urges Dr. Davis to keep after his association members until one or more will qualify and then apply for a unit of the Navy ROTC. Here is an opportunity that has been overlooked for nearly two years. Let's not waste any time!

## You Don't Have to Die July 4

Both Mayor D'Alesandro and the City Board of Health have issued pleas to the public for sane and safe observance of July 4.

In his message the Mayor stated, "Let us remember that on July 4 we celebrate our Nation's hard-won freedom and independence. To preserve it has been a costly endeavor, so let us not add to the cost in human life and suffering that result from holiday accidents."

The board of health used another approach. It predicted that over the long holiday week end there would be a certain number of fatalities and injuries, resulting from drowning, traffic accidents and mishaps both in and out of doors.

At the end of each statement, the plea for sanity and safety was reiterated. It should be enough to say these warnings should be heeded.

But there is a third approach. Look at it this way. If you are not careful over the holiday week end, your name may be among those of the dead and injured listed after the celebrating is over. If you are careful, the chances are that July 5 will find you whole in limb and body.

In other words, it is up to you. You can, if you want to, but you don't have to die on July 4.

## Clean Blocks Mean Clean City

Organizational opposition to the placement of advertising benches at trolley car stop corners throughout the city gives impetus to the AFRO's 14th annual Clean Block Campaign, which opens this week.

Alert citizens interested in improving the appearance of city streets have foreseen the danger of the benches becoming neighborhood eyesores, and encouraging corner loungers, lacking in civic pride, to add to the accumulation of trash on the streets.

By attracting disorderly crowds, the benches also might become vice hazards.

While especially interested this year in improving the appearance of backyards, the campaign workers are primarily concerned with maintaining the highest possible standards of clean and sanitary community living on all fronts.

Clean Blockers are serving notice that they will make an all-out attack on any and all projects which will hinder rather than help their program.

## behind the scenes

By Marse Callaway

The nomination of Governors Dewey and Warren on the Republican Presidential ticket and their anticipated election in November means a great deal, not only for the general public but for all minority groups.

Both men are well-known for their tremendous interest in matters which affect the colored race. Governor Dewey has always surrounded himself with a coterie of colored representatives to whom he has demonstrated his fairness and best wishes.

Maryland's colored voters have a special interest in Dewey since two Baltimore clergymen played an important role in the Philadelphia Convention, Bishop A. P. Shaw delivered one of the invocations and the Rev. A. J. Payne made a splended seconding speech on behalf of Governor Dewey.

Both the invocation and the speech were favorably commented upon by the delegates and spectators and both men deserve thanks for the manner in which they performed their important roles.

**All Unanimous in Praise**

Not only the clergy, but the representatives of the colored press, the politicians and the professional men are unanimous in their praise for the stand bearers and the Repu'' ...n platform.

In New York, Governor Dewey was responsible for the State FEPC, and I feel certain that he will devote his energy and talents to the passage of a Federal statute calling for fair employment practices.

Dewey is no mere talker of empty words. He is a vigorous man who delights in performance, and the entire country will benefit by his actions when he becomes President next January.

**Must Work Now**

It is up to the large colored groups in America to put their shoulder to the wheel and do their part in giving him a tremendous vote of confidence. No one can afford to stand by and just hope it will be successful. Nothing must be left undone to insure his success in November.

We must not be over-confident, we must work. This is our opportunity, just as it is the opportunity of other sections of our people who will see to it that the Truman administration is sent home.

## reporter's row

By Samuel Hoskins

It was my misfortune recently to mention in the presence of a local school teacher the names of the two young women who compose the student body of the Douglass High School wing of the University of Maryland's summer school.

Suddenly, and without warning, the teacher's temper flared to a white heat—or, at least, seven degrees higher than the current heat wave.

At the same time she spurted a tirade of comments about the two-person student body, which I had better not repeat here.

My reason for mentioning it at all is to state that I disagree entirely with the school teacher.

**Have Right to Like Jim Crow**

In my opinion, both Miss Laura Tatum of Washington and Mrs. Myrtle V. Wake, local resident who teaches at Bowie, have a perfect right to attend a jim crow school if they want.

Rather than criticize, I think both women deserve some degree of credit for daring to line themselves up, 2 against 225,000; for daring to stand up, during these historic days of national Civil Rights agitation, to be counted among those who appear willing to go along with racial segregation.

Frankly, that requires courage of a sort.

Further, if they wanted to be pointed out during the next four weeks as the two persons who are making it possible for the University of Maryland to continue what everyone knows to be a farce, I for one would not deny them that distinction.

**Also to Oppose Freedom**

If they want to take a stand that is in apparent opposition to everything the NAACP, the Urban League and a number of other freedom-seeking organizations and individuals, both colored and white, are working, hoping, praying and fighting for, then I maintain they have that right too.

If these women, Miss Tatum and Mrs. Wake, can do this and then return to their schools this fall to teach children, who are seeking to become worthwhile citizens of tomorrow and who are yearning to see freedom and democracy applied rather than talked about, they should be permitted to show the world how it is done.

This is America, and while the Bill of Rights states that all men are born free and equal, with certain inalienable rights, there is no law which says everyone is to believe this is true.

**an Old Custom**

Over a period of 11 years, the explosive outbursts which follow Joe Louis victories have become something to be expected.

It happened first on Chicago's Southside when the Bomber rocked Cinderella Man Braddock to sleep in the eighth, starting in the dark corners of the bleachers on Comiskey Field and spreading along 35th, 43th Sts. and on down Wabash Ave. as dancing, cheering multitudes stopped streetcars, turned over cars and generally shook the world in joyous abandon.

In New Orleans, following the second Louis-Schmeling fight, South Rampart St., from Melpomene St. back to Canal, turned in a similar exhibition.

Friday night it happened again. Only this time is was Pennsylvania Ave.

During the last five or ten minutes before the fight, almost everyone along the thoroughfare was rushing to get to a radio or television set. The way they were hailing cabs you would have thought a storm was coming. During the fight the street was as quiet as a church at midweek. But at exactly 2 minutes, 56 seconds of the 11th round, the commotion started.

As in the past, the crowd boiled into the street. Traffic was tied up. Automobile horns were honking, old men, young men, women and children were screaming. Happiness was everywhere. Nobody had to tell you that their idol, Joe Louis, had had another lucky night.

That was a week ago. And like thousands of others I have read numerous accounts of that fateful 11th.

But the best bit of description to come out of all the millions of words written about it possibly was penned by Arthur Daley, veteran sports editor of the New York Times.

Daly called it, "The Kid's Last Fight."

This is how he saw the knockout:

**"The champion needed only one clear shot at the Walcott whiskers to make him pay for 25 rounds of frustration, indignity and humiliation. He got it. Whoosh! That Louie right crashed home and a bored, derisive, hooting crowd leaped screaming to its feet. . . Thud, thud, thud went the merciless Louis punches in a few fleeting seconds of savage fury. It was the end."**

—Brother, that's top writing in anybody's book, and an epithet worthy even of the fighting career of Louis.

**The Baltimore Scene**

Friday night members of Memorial Baptist Church, Caroline and Preston Sts., closed a week's celebration in observance of the church and pastor's 33rd anniversary.

The Rev. C. Edward Browne is pastor and founder. In token of their gratitude for his work, members gave him $100 for each of the 33 years.

Currently, a $50,000 expansion job is being done at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 800 block Warner St. The Rev. W. L. Green is pastor.

Persons who went on the excursion to Niagara Falls, N.Y. Saturday night, sponsored by Faith Baptist Church were anything but happy about accommodations furnished by Pennsylvania Railroad.

They complained that coaches were dirty and of ancient vintage, no air conditioning, no water and toilets not working.

**Death Is Horribly Fascinating**

There is something horribly fascinating about watching a person die. Wednesday night as I was crossing Madison Ave at Dolphin St., there was the sudden clanging of a streetcar bell and then the shrieking of brakes applied hard.

I looked up just in time to see a man swerve as the front end of the car smacked him down. I ran the half block to the scene and watched as the man wra pped from beneath the car. Where his head hit the pavement was a red splotch. Running away from it, toward the gutter were three streams of red.

Before the ambulance arrived, the man was dead.

## birthdays

*Grow old along with me!*
*The best is yet to be.*
*The last of life, for which the first was made.*
*Our times are in his hand*
*Who saith, "A whole I planned,*
*Youth shows but half; trust God; see all, nor be afraid!*
—Robert Browning

The AFRO extends greetings to all persons who celebrate birthdays next week. Felicitations to:

July 4—Warren White, 927 Pierce St.; Albert Punon, 413 Stokes St.; the Rev. Edward Edwards, 1124 Pennsylvania Ave.; James Baker Jr., 714 S. Sharp St.

July 5—Martha V. Oliver, 628 W. Biddle St.

July 7—The Rev. Ralph Boyer, 525 Scott St.; the Rev. Howard Carroll, Morgan State College.

July 8—Mrs. E. Filson, 1409 Ashland Ave.; Mrs. E. J. Epps, 908 Rutland Ave.; Alexander Boston, 410 Eden St.; Joseph Hooper, 1823 Mulliken St.

July 9—D. Arnett Murphy, 2421 Madison Ave.; Peyton Gray, 1103 W. Lanvale St.

## pulse of the public

**Lauds Rescue Attempt**

Dear AFRO: We have had several drownings at Day Village and residents here, including myself, always give our best to save the victims.

Expert swimmers were on hand when William H. Clarkson went down, last Sunday, and all of them dived in attempts to help him. I think their names should be mentioned.

**Seven Tried to Save Youth**

Among those helping in the rescue were William Waters, James Redd, Oliver W. Kerrney, Mrs. Pauline Jackson, Walter Brock, Eugene Ringgold and Gerald Stevens, who recovered the body.

Cpl. Francis Rumble and Patrolman Bernard Feehley of the Dundalk Police Station and others tireless gave the youth artificial respiration until he was pronounced dead.—(Mrs.) PAULINE JACKSON.

**The Taxi Situation**

Dear AFRO: There are thousands of worthwhile taxi patrons who are refused rides for this or that reason. I think that often we could avoid a lot of racial prejudice by proper co-operation one with the other.

Then why not license colored taxi drivers, or have companies rent cabs to colored drivers? I am sure they would not regret it, as such a policy would bring in more revenue than the companies are now receiving.

Let us work together for the common good of all people and thereby help to make law-abiding citizens instead of encouraging bootleggers. Citizens are working together in other cities. Why not in Baltimore.

—MARTHUR LUTHER COX

**Thanks for the Effort**

Dear AFRO: A good friend of mine sent me a clipping from the editorial page of the Baltimore AFRO of June 15, in which was set forth your suggestion that a school should be named for Miss Fannie L. Barbour.

I simply want to express my sincere appreciation for your generous efforts in getting this idea to the citizens of Baltimore, as well as to the school officials who are readers of the AFRO.

It is my hope that before many more months, the Board of School Commissioners may decide to do honor to Miss Barbour by naming one of the schools in her memory.

Certainly, it is the spirit of such human interests that has aided the AFRO staff to build such a large and most useful paper.

—RUFUS W. COOPER
Newark, N.J.

## scratch pad

Surplus Husbands Two For One Is That Fair?

By Mae Morris

**Anybody want a husband?**

**A woman at Criminal Court last week had two but she won't be keeping their company for at least three months because she's gone to jail for bigamy.**

Husband No. 1, who brought the charges against her, declared after the trial, "No indeed I won't give her a divorce. You don't know what I went through with that woman."

**Too Deep for Most**

I couldn't understand why he wouldn't let the woman go free if he didn't want her, and I told him so, but he kept repeating, "You don't know, you don't know."

Husband No. 2, on the other hand, wasn't saying a word. The judge was led to believe that husband No. 2 was still in love with the little woman, and was waiting impatiently for the day he could remarry her, after a divorce from the first husband, of course.

**Two Sides To Story**

Ah, but there is another side to the story this week when Policewoman Cornelia L. Smith revealed that husband No. 1 is also ready to forgive and forget, despite his declaration to the contrary.

**She says the fellow says he would "take her back with open arms," and that he was fondly calling her "chickee" while helping her pack for the sojourn at the station house.**

Boy, ain't this love business something! Yet, it doesn't seem quite fair for one woman to have two husbands while SOME women I know (no personal reference of course) can't even get one.

I'll do some business on the side, if I can.

## sob sister

By Ruth Jenkins

Volumes of cheerful advice have been written on how to comfort fits of the blues, anger, jealousy, self - pity, depression and even heartbreak.

But nobody yet has figured out a way to raise the spirits of a woman who has just snagged a pair of nylons.

Quick thinking is the answer to emergencies which arise, the smart boys and girls tell us, and these newspaper headlines examples to prove their point:

**He Prevented Crash**

An automobile stalled on a railroad crossing as a train whistled its approach, and a close shave was averted.

The frantic driver jumped from his car, ran a distance up the tracks, whipped out his trusty cigarette lighter and set fire to a clump of weeds.

The train ground to a stop just a few feet from his automobile.

In another instance, a plant manager saw one of his employees lose his footing while shoveling pulverized coal from a truck into a bin. In a moment, the worker began slipping into the powdery mound, sinking deeper and deeper.

**Kept Worker Alive**

The manager grabbed a length of garden hose and thrust it into the worker's hands just before he disappeared. Breathing troughs that hose kept the man alive until he was rescued.

Then there was the quick-thinking detective who finally tracked down a desperate criminal after a long and wearying investigation.

**He Played Like a Dog**

His problem was how to get the unsuspecting suspect from behind a locked door.

So he dropped to his knees, scratched furiously at the door and barked loudly. When the suspect opened the door to chase away the "dog," the detective reached up and collared him.

Well, quick-thinking must have its advantages, but I've been thinking quickly for about an hour now and that unsightly run is still in my stockings.

## Job Aids at Library

The following material is now available at Branch No. 1 of the Pratt Library, Fremont Ave. and Pitcher St.:

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## pencil shavings

By Peyton Gray

**Minors and Liquor Sales**

The proprietors and employes of a Madison Ave. nightspot were placed in a most embarrasing and unfortunate predicament last Saturday. Baltimore's crusading vice chief, Capt. Alexander Emerson, spotted a minor during a routine visit to the club, one of many spots he dropped in on that night.

The person, a young woman turned 19, contended she was 23 and produced a Voter's Identification card as proof. The employees and management of the club were not at all disturbed because the young woman had been there before and avowed she was of age. What's more, she was said to have visited other night spots on previous occasions.

Working on a hunch, Captain Emerson continued to grill and thoroughly question the person. The officer even had her write her name on a slip of paper. The two signatures tallied.

**Captain Emerson continued to propound questions and finally got the young woman to say she was only 19. She was fined $50 and costs for drinking beer in a public place and the barmaid and owner held for the action of the grand jury.**

City magistrates have been gradually tightening up on minors public. Many tavern owners have been likewise complying and have been strict with their employees. Especially is this true with the owners of Baltimore's better spots.

But for the benefit of this latter group who believe in complying with the law to the letter, some adjustments must be made. A tavern owner or employee should not be held responsible for such a violation when he or she has every reason to believe the customer is of legal age, especially when factual evidence is produced.

**Peace! It's Truly Wonderful**

Father Divine, his wife, and 25 car loads of ardent followers arrived here early last Thursday morning for a 2 a.m. feast in the "Heaven" on Arlington Ave. It was exactly 1:30 when the first car of the caravan which more than stretched around the block pulled to a halt before the center.

Thirty minutes later, the "royal" couple, having washed up changed from traveling clothes, descended a stairway to a fairly large dining hall on the first floor. After the room had filled up with members of the party, local followers and a few visitors, the couple were seated in the center of a U shaped set of tables.

**Father Divine was wearing a dark, single breasted suit, a red satin rosebud sprung from a lapel button hole and a red, white and blue figured tie shone brightly on a pure fresh, sparkling white shirt. His mate, also looking quite fresh, wore a white skirt into which was tucked a dainty baby-blue blouse. Her chair was covered with a white cloth. Father Divine's was plain.**

High-stemmed, paper-thin glassware, along with gold-trimmed dinner plates, all highly polished, adorned the banquet tables. Everyone entering the room paused at the door, raised his right arm waist high with the palm facing outward and waited to be recognized by the "Father" through a slight nod of the head barely discernable.

As the guest couple took their seats, members of the interracial Rosebud Chorus began singing in soft but cheer-filled tones, "We are flowing in the atmosphere of his wonderful love." Throughout the meal, the group, wearing black skirts, white blouses and red jackets and caps, sang songs of peace, contentment, harmony and the brotherhood of man.

The feast was really an elaborate one. Several kinds of meat and fowl piled high on large platters were first passed to Father Divine who placed a serving fork on them and then to the diners.

The same procedure was followed when the many dishes of various vegetables, different kinds of bread and rolls, butter and deserts were served.

Approximately 35 persons were either seated or stood in the rear banquet hall and equally as many in a front dining hall. At least half of those gathered were white followers. The feast ended in a short talk by the spiritual leader, but no mention was made of the recent marriage of two of his photographer followers of Philadelphia.

**Shortly after 3 o'clock the caravan had pulled away. A neighbor sweltered out of his hot apartment and commented, "Guess the heavy rain storm of this evening was sent to cleanse the air around Lafayette Square for Father Divine. Peace, it's truly wonderful—I mean the cool air now."**

Delia Campbell, one of the 241 Marylanders who applied for scholarships to study out of town this summer, advanced these reasons: "Going to NYU to study will offer a change of scenery, faces and environment, prepare me to qu'rify for the maximum salary rates, and at the same time my expenses will be covered by the GI Bill of Rights."

**The Baltimore Boys' Choir**

William Meredith Birche Jr., 4 chaperones and his 40-voice Baltimore Boys' Choir left in a chartered bus, Saturday, for a two-week tour in New York, Pennsylvania and Atlantic City. It is the third extended trip for the group. Two have been North and one South.



## Cleanup Drive On at Cemetery

Laurel Plots Termed Eyesore by Residents

The Belair-Edison Improvement Association, which aims to improve the condition of Laurel Cemetery or eliminate it from that section, will meet on July 15, at the Community House, North Ave. and Hartford Rd.

Unsightly and overrun with weeds, Laurel Cemetery is owned by the New Laurel Cemetery Company, whose offices are at 100 E. Pleasant St.

John G. Kaufman, company president, says he does not even know who the lots owners are. He expressed willingness to cooperate with these owners in cleaning up the place.

**Held Menace to Health**

President of the improvement association, Dr. Joseph M. Rombopf, declared to the AFRO that the cemetery is a health menace and a disgrace to a city the size of Baltimore.

He said attempts would not be made to eliminate the cemetery if the owners would make necessary repairs to its dilapidated condition.

Containing the bodies of descendants of some of Baltimore's oldest families, the graves are said to number about 7,000. It would cost between $70,000 and $100,000 to remove the bodies, it was estimated.

## Veterans Take In Convention Which Had Some Light Moments

Miss Echo S. Robinson, delegate from Los Angeles, was the first person from the floor to congratulate Magistrate Hobson Reynolds of Philadelphia after his keynote speech on civil rights before the Republican National Convention Tuesday.

Patients from military hospitals near Philadelphia were guests of the convention. Shown above are soldiers from Fort Dix. Left to right, they are S/Sgt. Bill Atkins, white; T/Sgt. Leroy Love of Atlanta, T/Sgt. Robert Brown, Boston and S/Sgt. Zenie Rogers, Newark, all overseas veterans.

Mrs. Hettie I. James and David H. Dwight, both of Jacksonville, Fla., forget convention activities for a brief moment as they read over their mail. Both agreed there was little time for relaxing.

## Tough Sentences Asked of Courts

Maintaining that light sentences do not serve to reduce crime, Charles A. Reid of 641 W. Lafayette Ave., called upon the Supreme Bench, this week, to invoke extreme penalties upon persons convicted in the Criminal Courts.

In a letter to Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith, Mr. Reid declared that the extreme penalty is always asked for colored offenders involved in crimes against persons of the white race.

"A criminal is a criminal, regardless of the race or nationality," Mr. Reid asserted, adding that many citizens are willing to aid the police department in the apprehension of criminals, if these persons are assured that their identities will not be exposed.

**Light Sentences Expected**

He cited that persons have been overheard to say that "if he or she kills another member of his race, he will receive from two to five years."

Mr. Reid said further, "It is this type of individual that we are trying to ostracize and eradicate from our race."

## Next Congress May Get GOP-Sponsored Antilynching Bill for Speedy Action

WASHINGTON

Just nine days after the Republicans-dominated Congress adjourned without acting on anti-lynching legislation and five days after the National Republican Convention ended its meeting to map its program for the next four years, out of Washington comes word that the 81st Congress may act immediately on an anti-lynching bill.

That is, the report makes no bones about stating, it will act in the event GOP Presidential Nominee Thomas E. Dewey is elected to the Presidency and a Republican majority is returned to the Congress that will convene in January.

Sen. Homer Ferguson (Rep.-Mich.), Tuesday, was reported to have stated that if re-elected to the Senate, he will re-introduce to the body which meets in January, the anti-lynching bill that died when the 80th Congress adjourned on June 30.

**To Be Watered Down**

The bill he intends to introduce however, will be a tepid substitute for the one he tossed into the hopper last Fall and which was kept on the calendar of the Judiciary Committee for three months before it, in mutilated state, was finally reported out by a 10-3 vote a few days before the session ended.

The two sharpest sanctions of the original Ferguson bill — one which would have made counties in which lynching occurred liable to fines and another which would have branded lynching a Federal offense—are not to be a part of his new bill.

The compromise measure would not permit action against lynchers as such, but would provide penalties of 20 years imprisonment and $10,000 in fines for all parties shown to have been conspiring to commit the crime with consent or aid of local law enforcement officers.

In addition to this, it would provide penalties of five years imprisonment and $10,000 fines for peace officers who "wilfully failed or refused" to try to prevent lynchings.

Federal officials who refused to prosecute would suffer the same penalties and the victims of lynchers—or (in the event of their death) the next of kin, could sue in Federal Court for damages from the participants.

Senator Ferguson is said to have stated that he would accept the milder measure to avoid any prolonged discussion in the Judiciary Committee, which in addition to holding up the original bill, affected it to such a degree that its effectiveness is dubious.

It is recalled that Sen. Robert Taft (Rep.-Ohio), majority leader, promised that some civil rights legislation would be passed by the 80th Congress and ordered the anti-lynching bill put on the calendar as the most likely piece of such legislation to succeed against determined Dixie opposition.

However, the bill died through the adjournment of the Congress session, leaving as the only bit of rights legislation passed an amendment to the draft bill exempting draftees from poll tax payments.

## Jail Term Halts Roamer's Travels

Chester Strong's "travels" about the country were halted temporarily Tuesday, by a six-month sentence in Maryland's House of Correction.

The man was having a dinner of cold meats in an Argyle Ave. grocery on the midnight of June 20 when police knocked on the door, and he answered, "When I finish eating I'll come out."

Naturally, they didn't wait for him to finish, particularly since the store's front door had been forced open.

**Just a Traveler**

Stating that he hails from Chicago, Strong who is 25 said, "I'm just traveling" when Judge J. Abner Sayler asked him what he was doing in Baltimore.

He said he was dining upon the burglarized store's meats because "I was extra hungry that night."

The patrolmen in the case were Officers Webster Lewis, Harry Davis and Jerome Glass. William J. O'Donnell, assistant State's attorney, prosecuted.

## Asheville Blues Play Giants in Washington

WASHINGTON—The Asheville Blues, champions in the Negro American Association, have been booked to play the Richmond Giants in a night game at Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C., on July 8.

And in those cities these FEPC's came only because all citizens banded together and worked hard for them, Protestants, Jews and Catholics, white and colored alike.

## 2 D.C. GI's See Duty in 8th Army in Japan

WASHINGTON

Two District service men, former pupils at Cardozo and Armstrong, now serving with the Eighth Army in Kobe, Japan, are T/5 Fred R. Blassingame Jr. and Pfc. Coledus J. Johnson.

Corporal Blassingame, son of Mrs. Pearl Blassingame of 834 Lamont St., N.W., is serving as permanent charge of quarters with the 546th Engineer Fire Fighting Company.

A former pupil at Cardozo, he was inducted into the Army in October, 1945, and went overseas in May, 1947.


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