'Hamp,' Band and Models In Town For Show

Citizens Set For Court Test If 'Dixiecrat Bill' Is Passed

Hampton, Models In Town

TORTURE OF CHILD EXPOSED

U. of Md. Has Power to Drop Bars--Byrd

But He Won't Act, Says President

Tells Frontiers Club Not His Responsibility

DENIES PREJUDICE

Admits Practices, Policies Inconsistent

Since no law prevails, the University of Maryland today has the power to admit colored students, but the university president, Dr. H. C. Byrd, is not going to be the one to "bell the cat."

Addressing the Frontiers Club, Tuesday, at the Druid Hill YMCA, Dr. Byrd declared, "I don't intend to take responsibility for any such action and fly in the face of majority opinion."

He was answering a question by Franklin Williams, NAACP attorney, who pointed out that the Supreme Court has declared that Southern States must provide "equally and immediately" higher education facilities for colored students as are now available to white students.

Mr. Williams contended that Maryland is morally obligated to adhere to that ruling, that the most economical way to do so is lower the bars at the University of Maryland, and that, lacking any State law against this, Dr. Byrd and the Board of Regents have the power to do so immediately.

"What you say is unquestionably true," Dr. Byrd conceded and made the statement regarding his refusal to accept responsibility for a change.

Willing for Vote to Be Taken

Mr. Williams pointed out that no survey has been made to determine what is majority opinion about the matter.

"Nevertheless, I know something about it," Dr. Byrd answered, admitting that he would be willing to submit the question to a public vote.

He said that the Board of Regents has asked the State Legislature to establish a definite policy on higher education for colored students.

This is being studied by a joint committee appointed by the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees to work out a co-ordination program on educational facilities with the Legislative Council whose report and recommendations will be submitted to the next session of the General Assembly.

This committee includes Senators Percy E. Thomas, (Dem., Queen Annes); Paul J. Bailey (Rep., St. Marys); and Guy Johnson (Dem., Cecil); and Delegates C. Lyman Schueler (Dem., 2nd District, Balt.); Mary L. Nock (Dem., Wicomico); and R. Duncan Clark (Rep., Montgomery).

Knows Something Must Be Done

Dr. Byrd declared that "in one way or another, we have got to provide graduate school training for colored students, and this joint committee is expected to give real time and real effort to finding a suitable and satisfactory solution to the question."

Later, he was asked in private whether, in working with the committee, he would try to sell the idea of integrated rather than segregated education, and he told the AFRO:

"I'm going to do my darndest to sell it."

He told the club meeting of about 100 persons that "unless some other facilities are provided,

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Girl, 10, Tied, Cut, Burned

Brother, 13, Father, Woman Responsible

TRIO LOCKED UP

Tot Brutally Treated Over Lengthy Period

The horror-streaked story of a 13-year-old boy's torture of his younger sister by chaining her to a chair, burning her flesh and carving up her face, sent the children's father and his girl friend to prison for two years, on Monday.

The little girl, age 10, appeared before Judge Charles Moylan in Juvenile Court with a piece cut out of her upper lip and hideous scars over her face and body which her brother had burned with a hot knife.

Her father, Devery Kyle, 49, of the 900 block W. Fayette St., and his woman friend, Miss Phyllis Brown, 35, said the little girl was a "problem child."

Boy Admits Torturing Sister

The 13-year-old brother of the girl, who has been committed to Cheltenham for his part in the affair, said the father left him in charge of the sister and he would tie her to a chair for hours at a time.

During these days when the child would be bound from 9 to 13 hours, the woman was at home and knew of the torture to which she was being subjected, it was said.

Policewoman Cornelia Smith brought the case into court and prosecuted it.

Each adult was sentenced to two years in prison by Judge Moylan, who committed the little girl to the Welfare Department with the express order that she is not to be returned either to the father or to Miss Brown without his permission.

Doctors Detail Injuries

Dr. J. T. Gunn, physician, of the 500 block Arlington Ave., testified that he first saw the girl on Jan. 15, when he was called to the home and found her with a cut lip, swollen eye and scarred face. Dr. Gunn said the father

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Regional Pact Will Be Fought, Group Warns

Legislators Told State Need Not Participate; Enough Facilities Exist

ANNAPOLIS—In no uncertain terms, State Legislators were advised Wednesday that public sentiment is strongly against Maryland's participation in a regional school scheme to keep colored students out of the University of Maryland.

And if the bill for the regional school pact becomes law, indignant citizens will take court action to contest its application.

This opposition was expressed Wednesday by a Baltimore delegation of civic and educational organizations against Senate Bill No. 432, now pending in the Judiciary Committee of the House of Delegates.

Plan Reeks of Segregation

The bill, already passed by the Senate, would commit Maryland to participation, with 13 other Southern States, in the plan proposed by the Southern Governors Conference to set up and support collectively regional schools for graduate and professional education.

The plan would undoubtedly be administered on a segregation basis, because segregation in education is the policy in Maryland and is required by law in the other States which have endorsed the program.

The opponents who appeared before the House Committee this week were:

Howard H. Murphy, chairman of the Maryland Committee for Equal Educational Opportunities; Alexander J. Allen Jr., Urban League executive secretary; Sidney Hollander, who represented the Urban League and the Americans for Democratic Action; and Donald Murray, NAACP representative and first colored graduate of the University of Maryland Law School.

Object on Two Points

They listed their objection to the bill as follows:

1. Maryland has no need to join such a pact, inasmuch as the University of Maryland has facilities for professional and graduate training.

These facilities, according to a public statement issued by the university's Board of Regents on Oct. 22, are open to all students, regardless of race, color or creed.

If Maryland joins the regional school compact, colored students seeking higher education would undoubtedly be sent to colored institutions already existing in Southern States.

Plan Held Unconstitutional

This, in effect, would keep them

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Taking Steps Toward Matrimony

Levi Jackson, captain of the football team at Yale University, and Miss Virginia Moore will be married on April 2. They are shown above entering Saint Luke Church in New Haven for pre-marital instructions.

Health Week Project Planned

Message to Be Taken to Every City School

Skits, public meetings, exhibits and radio programs will mark the local celebration of Health Week, beginning Sunday.

Launched by an official proclamation by Mayor D'Alesandro, the Health Week program will include talks by physicians, dentists and nurses, health plays and skits, and moving pictures in all of the city schools.

The Druid Health Center and Provident Hospital will hold "open house" during the week, and radio features will include broadcasts, Sunday at 10:15 a.m. over Station WBMS; Monday at 2:15, WFBR; Saturday at 3 p.m., WCAO; and Saturday at 5:15 p.m., WBAL.

Pupils in One Broadcast

Radio features listed are:

A skit by pupils of School No. 112, directed by Miss M. Almira Miller; a panel discussion including Mayor D'Alesandro; a "Town

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Models Cause Stir at Station on Arrival

Glamour with a capital "G" descended on Baltimore this morning (Friday), creating an appreciative excitement among other travelers at the Pennsylvania Station.

It arrived in the form of a bevy of beauteous models of the New York Brandford Agency of cover girls who spotlight the AFRO Benefit Fashion Festival tonight (Friday) at the Coliseum.

Strikingly attired in ensembles of the latest mode, the group included Courtnaye Olden, Dorothy McDavid, Sylvia Fitt, Barbara Willis and Adeline Dolly. They were accompanied by the executive director of the agency, Miss Barbara Watson.

The charmers reported that due to the taxicab strike in New York they had difficulty getting to the station. One, in fact, Thelma Porter, missed the group, but is expected on the next train.

Reception Committee

The models were met at the Baltimore station by an AFRO reception committee including Mrs. Lula Patterson, society editor; Mrs. Susie H. Clark, James

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Air Force Adopts Full Integration

Army Plans Changes Urged in Gillem Report

WASHINGTON

The U.S. Air Force is adopting a policy of complete integration, and the Army is considering changes in interpretation of the Gillem Report looking toward further integration.

These revelations highlighted the second executive meeting at the Pentagon, Monday, of the Committee on Equality of Opportunity and Treatment in the Armed Services and top officials of the Services.

The committee, popularly

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Mt. Hope Group Sues to Oust Pastor, Charges Say He Took Additional Wife

The Rev. Andrew D. Nance, turbulent Baptist minister, hit the court dockets again, this week, as some members of the congregation of Mount Hope Church attempted to oust him.

According to a group identifying themselves as church trustees, the Rev. Mr. Nance has been requested to vacate the pulpit on the grounds that he has taken a wife without bothering to be shed legally of a former one.

These complainants say that at a church meeting the Rev. Mr. Nance was faced with documents alleging that he had one wife before coming to Baltimore, whom he admitted marrying when "he was so young that he didn't know what he was doing."

They say that the minister was advised that his services as pastor were no longer desired.

The suit, filed in Circuit Court No. 2, which seeks to have him restrained from entering the church, has as complainants:

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Copsey Case All-White Jury Reaches No Verdict

Former Officer William Copsey, in whose case a jury failed to reach a verdict on Wednesday on charges that he deliberately shot a civilian, will be brought in for re-trial next week, the State's Attorney's office announced Thursday.

Judge Robert France dismissed the jury of all white men late Wednesday afternoon after it had deliberated nearly three hours.

Confusion was noted in the jury's action because of the later

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Numbers Suspect's Trial May Test Pyramid Clubs

Gloom and unrest were spread in local Pyramid Club circles this week when word went forth that Sgt. Thomas Joyce and his vice squad had made an arrest which may well prove a test case of the clubs' legality.

Information has come to the attention of the AFRO that membership in the get-rich-quick scheme clubs has paid off in sizeable amounts to several prominent persons in the city.

A routine lottery raid by the vice squad on Wednesday on a house in the 500 block of Bruce St. revealed not only a "fair-sized numbers station," but the operation of a Pyramid Club, police charged.

"Progression Chart" Rap Grounds

Mrs. Pearl Shipley, 42, resident of the house, was arrested after expressing concern to officers over a "progression chart," they found while searching for numbers slips on the premises.

It was the chart which led to police placing charges against Mrs.

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Coming Events

Friday

AFRO Fashion Festival, featuring Lionel Hampton's Band and the famous Brandford Models of New York at the Coliseum in the 2200 block of N. Monroe St. — 8 p.m.

Friday Lenten services at the St. James PE Church, Lafayette and Arlington Aves., sermon, by the Rev. Charles W. Fox Jr. — 8 p.m.

Saturday

Annual meeting of the North Baltimore District of the Women's Society of Christian Service at Metropolitan Methodist Church, Lanvale St. and Carrollton Ave. — 10 a.m.

Peace Forum, Lyric Theatre, under auspices Maryland Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions; Howard Fast, writer, and others as speakers. — 8 p.m.

Sunday

Beginning of Religious Emphasis Week at Morgan State College; sermon by the Rev. Howard Cornish, director of the Christian Center — 10:30 a.m.

Negro Health Week broadcast — Station WBMD — 10:15 a.m.

Bi-weekly meeting of the Baltimore Interracial Fellowship Youth at Fellowship House, 21 W. Preston St.; speaker, Charles C. Coy — 2:30 p.m.

Cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," by

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The Weather

Fair weather and a slight drop in temperature are predicted for the week end, with the highest temperature today (Friday) about 55 degrees. Showers are expected again about Sunday.

Total rainfall for the Maryland and Delaware area will average about three-fourth of an inch.

Social Call Revealed Spouse's Infidelity, Wife Says in Suit

A purely social call, which resulted in discovery of her husband's unfaithfulness, was the setting for evidence which resulted in Mrs. Rachell Manago's divorcing Frank Manago, this week.

Mrs. Manago, of 1615 Madison Ave., told the court that she had no suspicion of any indiscretion on the part of her husband when she dressed and went for a walk on the afternoon of Oct. 8, 1947.

She visited one friend, prevailed upon her to take a walk with her and the two dropped in unexpectedly at the home of a third friend.

She noted, she said, a slight nervousness as they sat and chatted, Mrs. Manago said, but con-

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Cupid's Progress

Listed among the 21 couples who received marriage licenses here this week were two service men and their brides-elect and five out-of-town couples.

They included:

Corporal Linsey T. Earl, 21, Edgewood, Md. and Miss Romona Jones, 18; Pfc. Jack Cherry, 25, Camp Kilmer, N.J. and Miss Sarah

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Two-Way Byrd

(An Editorial)

The University of Maryland, if it enjoys no other distinction, can boast of a Byrd who can fly in opposite directions at the same time.

Dr. H. C. (Curly) Byrd, the university's president, left no doubt about this during and after a discussion on higher education in Maryland before the local Frontiers of America Club on Tuesday.

We find that the ony thing consistent about Curly is his inconsistency.

In one breath, he declared that there COULD be equality in jim-crow education and in another he admitted that it was "next to impossible" for Southern States to develop a dual educational system which would be equal in every respect.

The affable, ingratiating and indefatigable Dr. Byrd, who with Jack Pollack seems to have the Maryland legislature wrapped around his little finger, says that the admission of colored applicants to the university is largely a matter of money and that the establishment of an integrated policy at College Park is the responsibility of the legislature, not his.

Reminded that the university's board of regents had, last fall, announced that no qualified student would be turned away from College Park because of race, the cagy university president said that as far as he knew, no student has been denied admission on these grounds.

And he didn't bat an eye!

This is all a lot of poppycock and Curly knows this as well as anyone. He had just finished saying that he felt that

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Lobbyist Denies Soliciting Without Permit

Edgar G. Brown (with whiskers) of Washington, director of the National Negro Council and a civil rights lobbyist, is shown at his arraignment before Magistrate E. David Keiser in Philadelphia, Friday, on a charge of soliciting money without a permit. His attorney, Theodore Spaulding, is at right. At left are two of the arresting officers, James Lee (left) and Henry Jordan. Mr. Brown, who denied the charge, was held in $800 bail for court. He later resumed his speech-making.