OPINION

The Ober Law Is A Bad Law

The Ober Law, enacted by the late session of the State's "Do Nothing" Legislature, in our opinion, not only is an unnecessary law, but a bad one.

This undoubtedly is the reason it is the object of a two-way attack by citizens who understand the hidden dangers of such legislation.

First, the Ober Law, reputedly passed to outlaw subversives, is the object of legal action instituted by 10 Baltimore citizens against a number of State and local officials whose function it is to enforce and administer the law.

Counsel for the plaintiffs are asking the court to declare the allegedly anti-subversive law unconstitutional and to restrain officials and agencies from administering it.

It is contended that the Ober Law is unconstitutional because:

It violates the constitutional rights of free speech, free assembly and freedom of the press;

It denies due process of law guaranteed by the Constitution because it is too vague and indefinite to warrant any legal prosecution under it;

It is an ex post facto law, by reason of the Emergency Act; it would make acts committed prior to the passage of the law criminal offenses, liable to prosecution;

It is illegal because the Ober Law creates a new office, whereas the State Constitution prohibits the Legislature from making any law emergency, to go into effect immediately, where that law calls for the creation of a new office.

These reasons for the law being opposed, we believe, are valid. And the fact that a State Legislature would ram through legislation which can be opposed on so many grounds is indication of the real calibre of that Legislature.

But to colored citizens, whom the majority of the "Do Nothing" Legislature did not think enough of to abolish the Jim-Crow Transportation Law, there is one main reason that the Ober Law must be removed as the law of the State.

It is a threat against civil rights.

Under the Ober Law it is not impossible for such organizations as the NAACP, the Urban League and any other organization which seeks to abolish racial segregation and discrimination to be declared illegal and their members accused of criminal offenses.

This we cannot risk.

The Citizens' Committee Against the Ober Law is seeking to put the issue on the November, 1950, general election ballot. In order to do this, 10,000 signatures must be obtained on petitions by July 1, half by June 1.

The legal action against the Ober Law is unpredictable and may take too long. An overwhelming vote of the people against it in 1950 can blot out this piece of legislation enacted by a lobbyist-ridden "Do Nothing" body.

Every registered voter in Maryland should rush to sign one of the anti-Ober Law petitions without a moment's delay. We cannot afford to wait.

Blank petitions are available at campaign headquarters, 1915 St. Paul St., Baltimore.

We ought to act now before it is too late.

Hi! Ho! Silver

We take our hats off this week to Warren B. Silver, a University of Maryland student, who returned the "Good Citizenship Award" he received in 1943 from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In his letter returning the award, which he received while a pupil at Coolidge High School in Washington, the young white youth wrote:

For the past six years I have read the newspaper accounts of the resolutions adopted by the DAR congresses.

With your nose turned high in the air, you have stated that you are opposed to immigration, to health insurance and to international trade and labor organizations, in brief, the DAR opposes co-operation with those abroad and assistance for those in the United States.

These are not the actions of a good citizen.

Since I am a good citizen, it is my duty to return your Good Citizenship Medal as a protest against the poor citizenship your organization has shown.

Mr. Silver should have added the ultimate in bad citizenship which gives this undemocratic organization its final touch of fascism—the barring of colored artists from Constitution Hall in the nation's capital.

This action divides the nation, creates disloyalty and holds us up to ridicule in the court of world opinion. Other recipients should follow Mr. Silver's lead.

Proof That Democracy Will Work

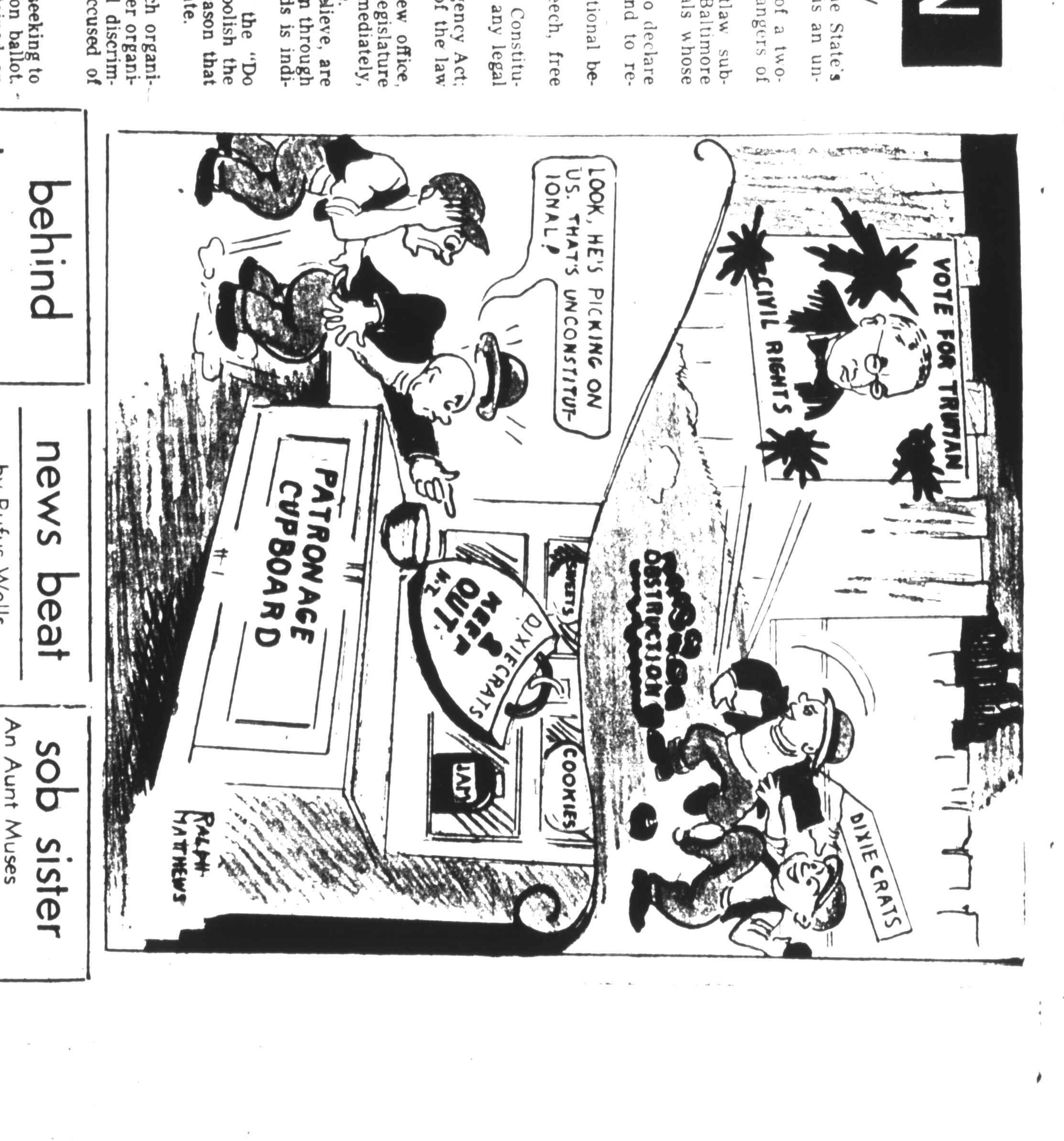
Last week the folly of fear of racial integration was again proved groundless and void of either reason or logic, when the Maryland Theatre let down the bars and admitted patrons without regard to race or color.

Predictions of riots and fights if colored persons and white ones are permitted to sit together in places of public entertainment didn't materialize. And the racists, the bigots and the profiteers in racial segregation were proved wrong again.

Not only were they proved wrong, but on the last night the play "Anna Lucasta" appeared, the theatre was filled to capacity with patrons of both races.

Non-segregation proved successful to the extent that "Anna" is scheduled for a return engagement Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. On May 26, Hazel Scott, popular pianist, will appear at the theatre before a non-segregated house.

This ought to prove, once and for all, that if given the opportunity democracy will work for all.



behind the scenes

By Marse Callaway

Declaration of Intentions Act

This year the General Assembly of Maryland took a forward step in at least one instance. It repealed the Declaration of Intentions Act, and thus did away with the peculiar Maryland law that a person, in order to vote in Maryland, had to declare his intention to vote at least one year prior to any particular election.

It looked for a while as if the Declaration of Intentions repealer would meet the same fate as the "Jim Crow" repealer (which was killed), but the measure got through.

The interesting thing, however, is the way the Fourth District delegation, all Democrats, in the House of Delegates voted. For all their talk about decency and equality, they voted against the repealer.

Talked With Boss First

Delegates Melnicove, Pollack, Robinson, Shapiro, Siegel and Sklar all consulted with their boss, and all voted against the measure.

This was surprising in view of the fact that the Democratic Delegates are usually pretty fair if left alone. Maybe we can reach the conclusion that they were not let alone.

The talk in the corridors was that the Boss thought that the measure was going to be defeated anyway and, therefore, had his boys vote on what he thought was the winning side. To his chagrin and to that of the six delegates, the measure passed. The Boss's logic that he would raise the esteem of his delegates in the eyes of the county legislators backfired.

A significant point is that the colored population in Baltimore City is being, and will be, pushed around at will as long as there are no colored representatives in the General Assembly.

The colored voter simply must not be pushed around by one man's caprice. To elect his candidates year after year is sheer folly.

We must either compel the Democrats to run a colored person to vote and look out for our interest or we must elect a Republican, who will not be controlled by a Boss.

news beat

by Rufus Wells

News from Towson is that only two of the 13 men who took the examination for the Baltimore County Police Force passed it successfully, and that these two were disqualified for other reasons.

All of which makes this reporter wonder.

Am I to believe that after six weeks of rigid training in the NAACP-sponsored school which offered the same type of training given men who qualified for the Baltimore City Police Force, these men failed to measure up.

Does this indicate that county police standards are appreciably higher than those of a metropolitan city?

If one of the two who "passed" was too old for the job, as county officials report, why was he allowed to take the examination in the first place?

There is reason to believe that the "test" was farce, masterminded by county officials who are still determined to keep the police force lily-white.

sob sister

An Aunt Muses On Motherhood, Mothers' Day

by Ruth Jenkins

Far be it from me to try to take any deserving glory from mothers, come Mother's Day, but too few people realize that next to being a mother, nothing is more trying than being an aunt.

An aunt is that hapless soul who experiences none of the blessings of motherhood but nevertheless has to perform as many duties, present as many gifts, show as much sympathy, answer as many questions and practice as much self control as Mom, or else be hanged for murder.

Loves Nephew, But—

Now don't misunderstand me. I love my nephew very much, but—

When he was a toddler I acquired my first fur coat, of which I was duly proud; and he fell in love with it immediately.

Finally, he stroked the soft pelts and, looking at me with shining eyes of approval, declared, "Doggie, Doggie."

On Christmas Eve his excitement kept him awake which kept me awake until the wee hours of the morning to assist Santa Claus.

Sounds Dawn Reveille

Weary unto the point of exhaustion, I had been asleep exactly 20 minutes when he blew a horn in my ear with delighted cries of, "Get up, Aunt Ruth, and see what Santa brought me."

I snatched a baseball bat just as his mother grabbed my arm, in which case I suppose she deserves the Mothers' Day honors after all.

poet's nook

The Heart of a Woman

The heart of a woman goes forth with the dawn,
As a lone bird, soft winging, so restlessly on,
Afar o'er life's turrets and vales does it roam
In the wake of those echoes the heart calls home.
The heart of a woman falls back with the night,
And enters some alien cage in its plight,
And tries to forget it has dreamed of the stars,
While it breaks, breaks, breaks on the sheltering bars.

GEORGIA DOUGLASS JOHNSON

household scrapbook

What does red mean to you? Danger? Very likely. That's why, bright red paint can be put to many useful purposes around the house. Because red is one of the most eyecatching colors, it has long been useful as a warning and a hurry call.

For example, that high shelf in the bathroom cabinet, where medicines are kept out of reach and sight of curious children, may be painted red as a flag to other members of the family.

The containers of such poisonous materials as lye preparations for cleaning drains or insecticides—which also should be kept where youngsters can't possibly get at them—would profit by a coat of red paint as a distinguishing mark.

Red may also help in emergencies. The pail of sand which many wise families keep on hand for fire control will be easier to locate if painted red. The same is true of the fire extinguishers, and the outdoor faucets to which a hose must be connected in a hurry. Red paint can also mark the first aid kit.

Low-Income Families Housing Plight Bared

BHA Study Shows Great Shortage in Houses at Rents Within Means

Evidence of an unrelieved shortage of decent housing at rents within the means of low income families comes from a recently completed study by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City of the 2,207 applicants interviewed during November, 1948, December, 1948, and January, 1949.

Of the 2,207 applicants, 965 were white and 1,242 were colored. There was an equal division between families of veterans and service men, on one hand, and non-service connected families on the other.

The one outstanding conclusion that emerged was that the overwhelming majority of applications for dwellings come from low-income families living under substandard conditions.

These families cannot afford the rents charged for adequate housing in the private market.

Family Incomes Too Low

This conclusion is based on the following findings:

Two-fifths of all applicants had family incomes of less than $2,000 a year; and two-thirds had incomes below $2,500. Only 13 per cent had incomes of $3,000 or over.

As had been anticipated from the results of other studies, the incomes of colored families were lower than those for white families.

The median family income of the 2,207 applicants interviewed was only $2,210, 36 per cent below the median income of $3,430 for families in American cities with populations of 250,000-999,000.

Live in Substandard Houses

This comparison underlines the fact that low-income families constitute the bulk of the applications which the HABC has on file.

Nine-tenths of all applicants were living under substandard conditions, either because of the deficiencies of the dwelling itself, or because of inadequate accommodations for a family.

Only 141 out of 2,207 applicants were living under conditions where these deficiencies and inadequacies were absent.

Of these 141 families, only 30 were colored, representing a little over 2 per cent of the 1242 colored applicants. All except six of the 30 colored families living under standard conditions had received eviction notices.

Conditions Broken Down

While substandard conditions usually occurred in combination, the following figures indicate the degree to which each condition was present:

Forty-four per cent of the applicant families shared the toilet; 38 per cent shared the bath; 11 per cent had no bathing facilities; 38 percent had inadequate heat;

Twenty-five per cent had no hot water; 7 per cent had no access to a kitchen, and more than 50 per cent were overcrowded.

The incidence of each of these conditions among colored families was greater than among white families.

In terms of the study, "no home" signified that the family had been forced to disperse because no accommodations were available for the whole group.

More Doubling Up

There was more doubling up among colored families than white families; and more among service-connected families than families which have no service connection.

The median monthly rent for all applicants was $36 a month; for white families $42.72, for colored families $31.33. (In general, the rent figure quoted by applicants appeared to be shelter rent only, exclusive of utilities.)

Families in the $1,500-$1,999 income category paid almost twice as great a proportion of their income for rent as those in the $4,000-4,999 category.

Middle-Income Group Hit

Of the other facts that emerged from the applicant study, one of the most significant is the high percentage of substandard living conditions among the middle-income group.

While it was evident that the largest proportion of substandard conditions prevailed among families of low income, the fact that of the families whose incomes were $4,000 and over, approximately one-third shared bath and toilet and had inadequate heat indicates the acuteness of the housing shortage.

Another significant figure revealed by the applicant study was the high percentage of evictions.

Three hundred and fourteen families, 14 per cent of all applicants, had received notice that they were to be evicted. This group comprised an equal number of colored families and whites.

pulse beat

And Why Not?

DEAR AFRO: I had occasion this week to drive out Garrison Blvd. and pass a high school for white children. It was a pleasant day and I happened by at the recess hour.

Youngsters were relaxed on the spacious grounds surrounding the school and the whole atmosphere appeared to be pleasant. I have lived in Baltimore all of my 32 years and have yet to see a high school for colored pupils with similar spacious grounds.

In fact when we took lunch hour at Douglass High School we stayed inside or used the sidewalk pavement.

Agrees With NAACP

Is there anything in the law which says that the spacious, modern high schools should be reserved for white children only?

Isn't it time that the school authorities provided similar facilities for our children? I agree with the Baltimore NAACP, which has consistently opposed new school buildings for our children in congested areas.

The scene on Garrison Blvd. is one more reason why many more of us should back the NAACP and other civic groups in insisting that the same kind of school facilities offered white pupils are given to colored ones (that is if we must have jim crow), or that they open existing schools to all pupils regardless of race.—M.E. PHILLIPS

Condemns Pranking Paraders

Dear AFRO: On Sunday, April 24, I was watching a parade with a thought that many parents should have had:

I don't think that young girls should march, prance and turn their bodies as those in the parade did. It is a disgrace to those of us who are trying to improve ourselves, and to the public.

Broad-minded people can read between the lines and know what I mean. I think these antics should be stopped, even if they are members of the Elks.—"Ann"

Advice to Mothers

Dear AFRO: Mothers of today should be like Hannah in the Bible, who dedicated her son, Samuel, to the service of God.

Let every mother try to get all the education she can for her child, but not forget the Mother of Jesus. She was, indeed, an ideal mother.

This young generation will be the future church and world. We must help make them strong.—(Mrs.) ELIZABETH PINKNEY 1021 N. Chapel St.

When you buy a new piece of clothing, it's a good idea to ask the retailer whether the article may be dry cleaned without injury.

Some of the new fabrics and trimmings are damaged by dry cleaning processes and it's heartbreaking to have a pretty dress or coat spoiled the first time it's cleaned. So, be careful.

come the millennium

by Louise Hines

. . . and that run by night bandit, or somebody, touched to the quick (I hope) by my earnest plea for the return of a bag full of hymn books and a Bible, has made a half-hearted response.

The GOOD BOOK was returned to its thankful owner just SIX WEEKS after she reported her loss and sought the aid of this column.

Surely the sight of a stolen, or even a wilfully misplaced Bible must have pricked the conscience of some wrongdoer. In the estimation of the owner:

Another Star in Crown

He earned an extra star in his celestial crown (to be, maybe) by effecting, no matter in what way, the return of THE BOOK. Now: If he wants to make two people happy (and I beg him to) here's how. He can:

Return the hymn books to the church where musical operations have been seriously hampered, and thus relieve the embarrassment of the person from whom they were snitched. And, selfishly, I admit: That such action would convince the Boss that I DO have a reader who has suffered through this column more than once.

birthdays

The happiest heart that ever beat
Was in some quiet breast
That found the common daylight sweet
And left to Heaven the rest.

The AFRO extends congratulations to these persons who will celebrate birthdays next week:

May 9—Mrs. Hattie L. Butler, 1634 McElderry St.; Calvin Harry, 1104 Springfield Ave.; Mrs. Grace M. White, 383 E. Madison St.; Mrs. Nannie Martin, 2415 Madison Ave.

May 10—Linwood G. Koger, 1619 Division St.; John Jones, 2339 Madison Ave.

May 11—Adolph Robinson, 1681 Hugenot St.; William Davis, 806 Carroll St.

May 12—Mrs. Hattie H. Wells, 606 S. Avondale Rd.; Miss Shirley Gibson, 2102 Division St.

May 13—Andrew B. Palmer, 1417 W. Franklin St.; Hodges Dyson, 906 W. Saratoga St.; Miss Beatrice Miner, 1134 Argyle Ave.

scratch pad

Nasty Name Blues Sick and Tired Stick to It

by Mae Morris

Sometimes it forms a lump in your throat and it chokes you up to "here."

You get sick of being colored; sick of seeing "c" behind your name, and hearing old folks called "boy", "Joe", "John" or "Mary."

Sick of being stared at because your stocking seams are straight and you speak English instead of Zulu.

Patience Wears Thin

Tired of the inquiries about "you folks", "you people" and just plain "you-all", fed up with the ham sandwiches and the cokes that drip over your shoes because you carry the stuff two blocks to eat it.

Worn out from the constant wonder whether your money will be accepted here or refused there; and plenty hot over the "public" signs that don't mean you.

Sometimes it seems as if you'll swell up and burst from it; seems like you're doomed to a lifetime of despair.

Sickness Wears Off

You don't feel like fighting, arguing and fighting some more and your taste is bitter with nasty names for everybody who has stepped on your toes.

But the sickness wears off, 'cause the longer you sit down and think about it, the madder you get.

And first thing you know, you're out fighting, arguing and fighting some more. Maybe it doesn't look like you're winning, but you are.

reporter's row

by Samuel Hoskins

Sunday a.m. Ritual—Northwest Baltimore

The officer stared intently at the thin little girl. It was a long moment before he spoke. Then he turned to the magistrate and said:

"Your Honor, when I arrived on the scene he was punching her like a punching bag."

The magistrate listened attentively, his brow furrowed, his eyes upon the lanky youth, 17, accused of beating up the girl, 15.

"Where did he strike you?" the magistrate asked the girl.

"In my stomach," she said, "in my stomach."

The magistrate asked the teen ager why he hit her. The answer was, "I had to defend myself. I wasn't gonna stand there and let her hit me all in my face."

Further testimony brought out these facts:

The youngster and a companion met the girl near her home in the 700 block Bradley St. The companion, with whom she was acquainted, asked her for a nickel. She gave it to him. But when the other also requested five cents she refused. He tried to take the money and she struck him in the face. This led to the furious attack the officer described.

A Puzzled and Disgusted Magistrate

The magistrate thought a moment and it was easy to see that he was puzzled and disgusted. He lectured to the youth on this being no way to treat young girls. He gave him a tongue lashing he should never forget and ended up finding him $25 and costs.

He told him that if he ever comes back into his court on a similar charge he would be sent to jail.

This was one of the cases heard Sunday a.m. in Northwestern police court by Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick. But it wasn't the only one.

There was the case resulting from a raid Saturday in the first hundred block of Pine St. on a house called the "Corn Field" by a detail of the vice squad led by Sgt. Joe Koening.

Walter Gibson, reportedly the proprietor, and Leo Muldrow, of the 200 block N. Garey St. were held in $500 bail each for action of the grand jury on charges of unauthorized sale of homemade liquor to officers.

There was Raymond Lindsay, of the 500 block N. Bruce St., who was fined for beating his wife because he returned home from a Saturday night church supper and found her out of the house.

There was Miss Catherine Gaines of the 1100 block N. Stricker St. convicted of assault and battery and fined after admitting that she hit Miss Emma Morgan of the 1300 block N. Stricker St. on the head with a beer bottle during a controversy in a Pennsylvania Ave. tavern.

Testimony revealed that the difficulty started when Miss Gaines saw her high school graduation ring on the finger of Miss Morgan. Miss Gaines, the defendant, said she had let her "boy friend" wear the ring, but he had given it to the other young woman and she wanted it returned.

The "boy friend" in whom both had a mutual interest, was not in court.

"Mildew" Stares Blankly Ahead

There was the pathetic case of Norman Smallwood, alias "Mildew," whom an officer arrested for eating from garbage cans, and who was in too much of a mental stupor to know how to plead to the charges.

When the magistrate asked whether he pleaded guilty or not guilty he stared blankly into space and answered, "I don't know, I don't know."

After lecturing the defendant to "straighten yourself out," Magistrate Fitzpatrick dismissed the case. Later he stated that "Mildew" is a chronic offender and comes into court periodically.

He is a very sad case, the magistrate declared, predicting that the man will be back in court soon. And he probably is correct.

And then there was the case of Richard Ester of the 1800 block Reese St., who was sent to jail for a year on charges of carrying a dangerous weapon (a revolver) and shooting with intent to kill.

These are the details:

Ester had been keeping company with a young woman who resides in the 1200 block W. Lanvale St. Recently she broke off the friendship and since refused to see him.

Saturday night he went to the house, but was not permitted to enter and the young woman would not come out to see him. So Ester left, but returned later loaded with alcohol and with a gun stuck in his belt. He undertook to stand guard across the street from the house.

The result was that when Samuel Brookdight, a complete stranger to Ester, came up and started into the house the spurned suitor began shooting.

Brookdight, who, it was learned later, came only to visit the girl's brother, was hit in the shoulder. Luckily his injury was not serious, or Ester would be in more trouble than he is.

There were other cases, many others, but these are sufficient to show the various types.

Not Police Court Alone

I thought, as I sat there taking notes, that—from one point of view, at least—police courts are more than just places where testimony and evidence are weighed.

That, in a way, these lower courts, and not the churches, the forums and the meetings of civic and social groups, are the places where the real story of a community is told; that often it is a story loaded with the manifestation of many, many things.

It is a story loaded with the evident social attitude of a young boy who thinks that it is right to ask money of a young girl, to take it if she refuses and to beat her up if she resists.

It is the story of those types of circumstances which permit, tolerate and even support the kind of dives and joints as demonstrated by the Pine St. "Corn Field."

It is the story of the debauchment (and by what combination of social, economic and ethical force?) of a man, only 38, to the demoralized state of eating swill from street containers and to habitual thievery without compunction.

And, finally, it is the story of a high school graduate given over to barroom brawls and of a young man with so little respect for law and order that he turns readily to violence simply because a female acquaintance saw fit to discontinue a friendship.

A Week-End Focal Point

Is this not the fundamental story of the Northwest section, of a city within a city and of the type of existence forced upon it coming, every Sunday a.m., to a clear and hard week end focal point?

It seems to me that it is. And if this is true, isn't it right to ask what is crime and who are the real criminals?

Should people who are forced, by circumstances over which they have no control, to live by one set of standards be expected to follow the same behavior pattern of people who live by another set of standards.

The law says, yes; but something deep inside those caught in the whirling vortex of a two-way ghetto says, no! no!

And so, on a Sunday morning the contradiction comes to a focal point.

An officer stares intently at a thin little girl. It is a long moment before he speaks. He turns to the magistrate and says:

"Your Honor, when I arrived on the scene he was punching her like a punching bag."

The magistrate listens attentively, his brow furrowed, his eyes upon a lanky youth, 17, accused of beating up a girl, 15.

"Where did he strike you?" the magistrate asks the girl.

"In my stomach," she says. "In my stomach!"

Live Animals in SPCA Exhibit

The unusual animal exhibit at the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will close Saturday, the last day of National Humane Week.

Since May 1, several hundred persons have seen the exhibit which includes three monkeys, one of which wears a sweater and trousers, chews gum and rides a hobby horse; an opossum and different house pets.

Free Display

The exhibit, to be held Friday (today) and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., will also feature a Great Dane, several rabbits, puppies, kittens and a baby ocelot which looks like a small leopard.

The free display was arranged by the Humane Education Committee to show the broad scope of the SPCA's work which includes nursing sick animals to health and finding them suitable homes.

4th Hospital Signs for Public Clinic

A contract for the establishment of a medical care clinic at Sinai Hospital was signed last week by Dr. Huntington Williams, city health commissioner, and Henry A. Rosenberg of the hospital board.

The contract, the fourth to be signed with a local hospital since the City Medical Plan began last June, provides that Sinai operate a clinic for at least 1000 persons receiving public assistance.

University, Johns Hopkins and South Baltimore General Hospital already are operating clinics under the plan and a clinic is to be established at Provident Hospital some time in June.

A Mutual Interest in Colorful Mexico

Mrs. Marie Murphy, who recently returned from Mexico, is shown exhibiting her souvenirs at School No. 105. She spoke to the class taught by Mrs. Marguerite Grant, which prepared an exhibit based on their studies. Some 1500 children and 100 adults viewed the display.

Health Board Observes Its 75th Anniversary

The Maryland State Board of Health is celebrating its 75th anniversary this week. It was on May 6, 1874, that the General Assembly appointed the first State health board.

Maryland was the sixth State to organize such a department. Important years in the board's history were 1922, when it went into the field of personal hygiene, and 1945, when the medical care program was inaugurated.

3 Boys, 15, Man, 23, Held in Thefts

Declaring that they were influenced by an adult companion, three 15-year-old boys were sent from Juvenile Court to Boys Village, this week, in connection with the assaults and robberies of three people.

The youngsters will be retained at the school until June 4. Future action will depend upon investigation by Juvenile court authorities.

Meanwhile, Earl Butler, 23, is awaiting trial in Criminal Court on the robbery charges. He was placed under $3,000 bail.

Victims Struck, Robbed

The crimes occurred in the same manner, Judge Charles E. Moylan was told. Each victim was knocked over the head with a blackjack as he walked down the street; and each required hospitalization.

On April 23, Gus Konfredakis, 54, of the 2505 Pennsylvania Ave. was struck with a blackjack and robbed of $39 at McKean and North Aves.

Two Youths Slugged

A day earlier, Howard Harrison, 19, of the 2500 block Pressury St. was robbed of $12 near the Monroe St. bridge.

In the third case, 15-year-old Robert Clark of the 3300 block Haywood Ave. was robbed of 50 cents on April 29.

Sgt. William R. Dilly of Northwestern District, directed the investigations.

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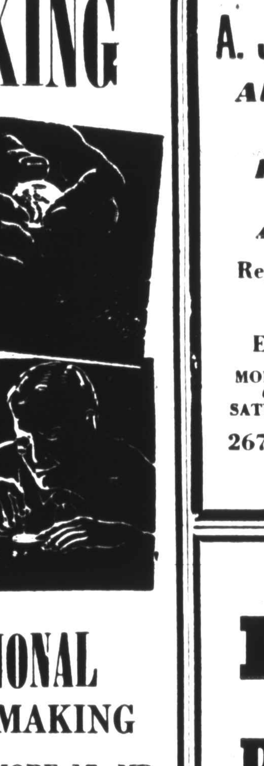

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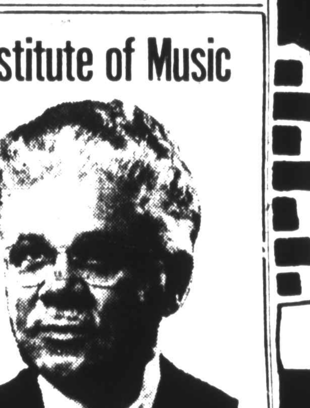

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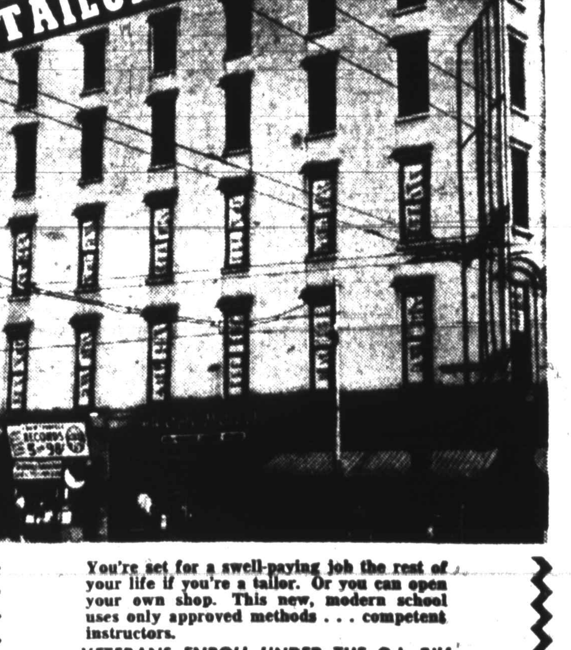

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