School Board Fires Thomas After Hearing on Charges

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were not such as would make him a desirable teacher.

Mr. Thomas's first post was that of co-ordinator in the work-study program, from which he was demoted to a teaching position. Charges of unsatisfactory service in the latter post led to a request for resignation on his part.

Lemmel Quotes From Letter

Opening the Wednesday hearing, Dr. Lemmel said:

"The suspension of Mr. Thomas on May 11, under Article II, Section 5, of the Rules of the Board of School Commissioners, came only after much consultation between staff members, and between Mr. Thomas and staff members, in an effort to help him overcome the obvious difficulties he was experiencing in handling children and in working with other members of the staff.

"The fact was brought out in the superintendent's letter to Mr. Thomas of May 11, which said:

Since November, 1947, members of the staff of the Department of Education have experienced a series of problems and difficulties in dealing with you and your work. You will recall that several conferences have been had with you as an outgrowth of these difficulties.

"You will remember that your transfer from co-ordination work to a teaching assignment was made with the hope that you would be more successful in a classroom situation."

Following the receipt of this letter, Mr. Thomas appeared at the School Board meeting of May 19 and stated that he felt that he was unjustly dismissed by the superintendent, and also asked for a hearing.

Superintendents Concurred

The Board of School Commissioners asked that such a hearing first be held before the Board of Superintendents.

"A hearing was held before the superintendents on May 25. At this hearing, Mr. Thomas was given unrestricted time in presenting his case after having the opportunity charges made by Mrs. Stinchcomb, his supervisor; Dr. Sylvester, Mr. Henderson, Ralph Bright, Charles Jones and S. Reginald Watts, principals.

Following the hearing, the Board of Superintendents concurred in the recommendation that Mr. Thomas be permanently suspended.

Commissioners' Hearing Set

"Mr. Thomas then requested that he be given a public hearing before the Board of School Commissioners. It was decided that such a hearing should be held on June 24 at 2 p.m.

Three days before the hearing, Mr. Thomas' attorney requested that the hearing be deferred until he would have more time to prepare his case. This request was granted, and the meeting today was set by the president at the request of Mr. Thomas.

Three Charges Aired

The charges are:

"That Mr. Thomas' services are unsatisfactory and have continually deteriorated during his tenure with us;

"That he has violated the rules of the Board of School Commissioners forbidding corporal punishment; and

"That his personal qualities are such that he is unsuited to be a teacher in our schools."

Dr. Lemmel then told the board that the collecting of information and the conferring with staff members had been done by John H. Fisher, assistant superintendent, who then proceeded to call witnesses to back up the board's charges.

Change in Attitude Cited

Elmer A. Henderson, assistant superintendent in charge of colored schools, was the first to testify.

Mr. Henderson told of processes leading to Mr. Thomas' assignment as co-ordinator. He said that he welcomed him to his offices in the Administration Building Annex, Lafayette and Madison Aves., and tried to make him feel at home.

He added that during the first year there, he (Mr. Henderson) was greatly impressed with the work done by Mr. Thomas, but that the co-ordinator's attitude changed immediately after he had been appointed and he became domineering and belligerant, and began having trouble with other workers in the building.

Mr. Henderson further charged that upon one occasion when he was having a meeting at Zion Methodist Chuch, Mr. Thomas assumed prerogatives not his, went into the pulpit and made a speech which nullified the good of the meeting.

Henderson's Charges Backed

Dr. Charles W. Sylvester, assistant superintendent for vocational education, and Edwin Stein, director of personnel, also joined Mr. Henderson in charges of unsatisfactory work, unco-operative attitudes, and overstepping his prerogatives in the post he held.

One of the chief contentions in their argument was that following his election, Mr. Thomas sent out a letter to principals criticizing their rating methods, which drew the ire of the principals and embarrassed the administration.

Mrs. Koma Stinchcomb, supervisor of shop center and occupational classes, testified that she had been much impressed with Mr. Thomas' educational qualifications, his intelligence and hard work during his first year under her.

Lacked Insight, She Asserts

She, too, said that after his appointment he developed personality traits which brought friction with pupils and principals, that the letter he sent out caused confusion, that she was present on one occasion when Mr. Thomas "thrust" a boy into the principal's office and demanded that the boy be sent home, that he was discourteous and showed a total lack of judgment and of insight into his own needs.

Chief witness against Mr. Thomas on the corporal punishment charge was Ralph Bright, principal of School No. 109, to which Mr. Thomas was sent when he was transferred from a co-ordinating to a teaching post.

Mr. Bright testified that Mr. Thomas "banged" a boy against the wall; that during the 24 teaching days Mr. Thomas was on his faculty he demanded expulsion of 13 boys; that pupils stayed away from school because of friction with Mr. Thomas; and that the latter altered his attendance records to cover up this fact.

James H. Goodwin, whose place Mr. Thomas took at School No. 109, and Miss Ann Howard, who replaced Mr. Thomas after his suspension, were called as witnesses to testify that the class handled by Mr. Thomas was an average one and without extreme disciplinary problems.

Mr. Thomas, in his argument, pointed out that he was rated "satisfactory" by his supervisors and the superintendents. He said, and Mr. Bright admitted, that the principal spent not more than 20 minutes in his room, and did not offer any suggestions for improvement during his tenure at School No. 109.

The letter he sent out to principals, he said, was authorized in a meeting with his supervisors, and further maintained that the principals objected, but that teachers were tired of the methods of grading. The present rating system, he charged, only serves to give principals unwarranted domination.

Cross-examining Mrs. Stinchcomb on charges of being disrespectful, the latter admitted that the only time she felt that he (Mr. Thomas) was discourteous was on one occasion when he failed to rise from his chair when she entered her office.

Denies "Banging" Pupil

In answer to the testimony of Mr. Bright that the boy he was charged with having "banged" against the wall was a "good" boy, Mr. Thomas said that evidence showed that the boy was on probation from Juvenile Court, where he had been charged with assault and robbery.

He further denied the "banging," but said that he had had to take a stick away from the boy, who was causing a disturbance in the corridor of the school. He said that Mr. Bright held him up to ridicule before the pupils, siding with the latter, thus causing disciplinary problems.

He further charged that Mr. Bright cramped his work by telling him that he would have no newfangled methods brought into his school.

To Study Testimony

The testimony was taken by a court reporter, and a week, said Rozel C. Thomsen, president of the board, be carefully considered and a decision handed down.

The superintendents were represented, Wednesday, by Allen A. Davis, attorney, of the City Solicitor's office.

Sitting as judges were Mr. Thomsen, George W. P. McMechen, Dr. D. C. Wharton Smith, Walter Sondheim Jr., J. Trueman Thompson, Mrs. William J. Rysanek Sr. and John R. Sherwood, members of the board.

Boards Findings Disclosed

The findings, read to the board on Thursday by the president, Mr. Thomsen, and unanimously accepted by the board, said:

Editor Escapes Death Narrowly

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the window and down the iron facade, as I did.

We were awakened by a tremendous crash. Jumping from my bed, I tried to get out of the door but found the lock jammed. Jerry tried the door, too, and yelled "Open the door!"

Frankenstein Strings

We could hear fellows in the hallway running up and down, and others screaming "Get out of the building!"

Finally, I rushed to the front window, broke the screen in it and climbed down the facade. Jerry followed me.

As we reached the street, I saw someone had made a rope of the bed sheets; and fellows were climbing down the sheeted-rope.

I saw one man groping around in circles with blood dripping down his face. He was clad only in his shorts.

Cause of Blast, Mystery

The police and firemen began to arrive in large numbers, and people came running out of their doors from every direction:

Men, women and children, some dressed only in their night clothes and dressing gowns; Others with loafers on their feet, and coats wrapped around their bodies.

Nobody seemed to know how the blast had occurred or what caused it. Some theorized that a new oil 6,500-gallon boiler installed in the building last week had exploded, but Y officials said the boiler was untouched.

It is located on the other side of the building.

Clergyman's Life Spared

The Rev. Samuel C. Carpenter, a resident of the third floor on the opposite corner from where the blast occurred, said he was awakened by the "great crash," and opened the door of his room only to be driven back by billowing dust.

Still uncertain as to what had happened, he called James Hughes and John Taylor, two other residents of the third floor, into his room and shut the door to keep out the dust.

He then shouted to a passerby to call the police and fire departments, and noticing that all the debris was at the other end of the building and that there was no fire, the three waited until firemen took them from the building by ladder.

Saved Become Rescuers

Another second-floor resident Percy Van Pelt, didn't wait for firemen. He jumped from the window, a good 20-foot jump, and suffered only a slight heel cut in so doing.

James Plater of 97 Oakwood Ave., was one of the first persons out on the street after the blast. He called to his wife, Mrs. Grace Plater, who in turn made one of the dozen or more calls to police and fire departments.

Plater helped to extricate two of the injured men from the wreckage. By this time, hordes of people had arrived on the scene.

Thankful for "Escape

The street was littered with broken glass, bricks, bits of wood and dust.

It was a ghastly sight; and only a miracle saved the lives of many of the residents. I was lucky and thank God for it.

Four Couples Get Frederick Permits

Frederick, Md.—Marriage licenses were issued to the following four couples, here recently:

Francis B. Brooks, 27, and Miss Frances R. Taliaferro, 21, both of Front Royal, Va.; Edward T. Dorsey, 24 and Miss Mary E. Gregg, 24, both of Frederick, Md.; Kenneth B. Cundiff, 21, Boonville, N. C., and Miss Ramona Calloway, 20, Iaeger, W. Va.; and Robert C. Fortune, 26, and Miss Mamie D. Johnson, 26, both of Washington.

DEATH SENTENCE REVERSED:

'Trenton Six' Get New Lease on Life

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guilty verdict should be reversed. They were:

1. Detention and questioning of the men for several days before they were formerly charged with the crime.

2. Admission of alleged confessions was assailed as improper and portions of the charge to the jury by presiding Judge Charles P. Hutchinson.

3. The finding of the jury was illegal because the degree of murder was not stated.

4. Quashing during the trial of subpoenas for the production of police records bearing on the case.

The defense argued that finding $1,642 untouched in Horner's pocket defeated the State's theory of robbery.

The prosecution had the defendants escaping with $35, overlooking the remaining money in throes of fright.

If the conviction is upheld by the Supreme Court, the defendants will represent the largest number of persons ever to be executed for a single crime in this State.

Five Teen-Agers Guilty in Holdup

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500 block N. Bond St.; Jerry Washington, 1400 block N. Bethel St.; and Samuel Beard, 17, of the 1500 block E. Monument St.

The youngster facing sentence for watch theft and receiving stolen goods is Walter Webster, 18, of the 1200 block E. Chase St. Still another, James Jacobs, charged in three robberies, elected a jury trial through his attorney, J. Howard Payne.

Witnesses at the Carey St. shop, explaining that they had relaxed to enjoy the television after a poker game, said four youths came into the place.

One said "This is a stickup;" two brandishing shot-guns, and the others tiny automatics, it was testified.

They forced all of the men to raise their hands; and the proprietor, Benjamin Edmonds, said one in the bunch struck him in the face with a shotgun. All of the robbers were masked with handkerchiefs.

The roundup of the youthful gang began some seven days later when Officer David Hubbard arrested Rogner, who admitted that his car was used in the holdup.

With the entire Northeastern Police District alerted, arrests of the other youths followed in rapid succession. Dennis Mello brought in Webster.

Capt. Julian ... rest obtained statements from most of the boys.

3 Acquitted in 2nd Holdup

In the second holdup, involving the robbery of a tavern proprietor, who lost $70 and a pistol, Barnes with William Bynum, 17, and Charles Harris, was acquitted for lack of evidence.

It was in this case that Webster was convicted of receiving the stolen pistol. Harris also was acquitted with Webster in the boot-black holdup.

William J. O'Donnell, assistant State's attorney, prosecuted.

Harris was represented by Ernest Perkins, attorney; Bynum, Barnes and Ragner by Anthony Federico; Beard by Josiah F. Henry Jr.; Robinson by S. A. Mund; and Webster by Joel Hochman. In view of the convictions not pressed.

Boy, 14, Drowned in Sea Lion Pool

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ster and his friends first applied at the regular pool, but finding it closed, went over to the sea-lion pond which is barred by a five-foot iron fence, reinforced by wire.

Heroic Efforts Too Late

When Garner failed to come to the surface of the water, several of his playmates notified Patrolman James H. Johnson of the Park Police Force, who raced to the pool on his motorcycle.

Using the motorcycle as a springboard, the officer scaled the fence and pumped into the water fully clothed. Unable to bring the youth out alone, he was assisted by James Gray, 15, who was bicycling in the park.

Failing to respond to an hour's artificial respiration treatment, young Garner was pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital.

Funeral Services Set

The youth, one of ten children of Mrs. Irene Garner, widow, was a 6B pupil at School No. 107. He was a member of the YMCA and of the Northwest Police Boys' Club.

Funeral services for the youth will be held at the Holland Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, with the Rev. B. F. Jackson, pastor of Fulton Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Park.

His sisters and brothers are Kay, Horace, Eugenia, Lawrence, Stewart, Eugene, and Mervin Garner, Mrs. Merlina Flemming and Mrs. Florine Powell.

Use of Pool Forbidden

Park police report that they have often cautioned youngsters against entering the sea-lion pond, where the water is unfit for swimming.

Situated near the lily pond on Crows Nest Rd., near Green Spring Rd., the pool has been unused for years since the sea lions were moved to new quarters in the zoo area.

The family said they did not know who, if anybody, went with

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Governor's Influence Asked to Open Md. U.

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versity of Maryland Board of Regents.

Does Equality Exist?

"The question we raise is whether such equality of opportunity does in reality exist," the letter continues. It then pointed out that:

"Applications of colored students for graduate and professional training continue to be rejected by all except the law school at the university;

"No effort has been made by the board of regents, so far as we can determine, to implement its Oct. 22 policy statement; and

"The board has refused to correct public statements by Dr. H. C. Byrd, the university president, to the effect that the university does not admit colored students because it does not have facilities to accommodate them."

System Held Subterfuge

The letter continued:

"It is difficult to escape the conclusion that the out-of-State scholarship system is being used as a means of evading the State's clear cut constitutional responsibility to provide equal educational opportunities for all citizens within State borders."

The committee pointed out that the scholarship program now costs the State about $100,000 a year and will cost more as additional students seek advanced training.

"Furthermore," the committee contended, "it is inevitable, in view of the established position of the Supreme Court that the entire arrangement will be invalidated as soon as it is tested in the courts."

Want Policy Effective

The Governor was therefore asked to use the influence of his office to effect the actual practice by the University of Maryland of the non-discriminatory admission policy adopted by the board.

The letter was signed by the committee chairman, Howard H. Murphy, and the Urban League secretary, Alexander J. Allen.

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Five Nominated for Park Board

The community relations committee of the Baltimore Urban League submitted five names to Mayor D'Alesandro for consideration for the two vacancies on the Board of Recreation and Parks.

These nominees are:

The Rev. Edward V. Casserly, pastor, St. Peter Claver Church, and member of the League's executive board (Fourth District); Robert C. Jones, former superintendent of Druid Hill Park (Third District); James F. (Happy) Enright, former Commissioner of Amateur Sports in Baltimore (Third District);

Joseph H. Neal, national representative, steelworkers, CIO; member of the League's executive board and member of the Governor's Commission on the Revision of Workmen's Compensation Laws (Fourth District); and;

YWCA Worker Suggested

Mrs. Donald B. Van Hollen, chairman, public affairs committee, YWCA, member of executive board, Citizens Planning and Housing Association and member of Friends Meeting House. (Third District).

The committee informed the mayor that the suggestions for the Park Board memberships "grow out of the inequitable racial and minority manner in which the Park Board has handled its responsibilities over the several years."

The committee obtained the access to the mayor through Edgar M. Ewing, president of the Baltimore Urban League, and William Boucher III, president, Americans for Democratic Action.

2 Prisoners Released to Face New Charges

Two men serving terms in the penitentiary on May 24 were released temporarily on Thursday to appear in Northwestern police court.

Charges against a white tavern owner who objected when a policeman manhandled a youth were dismissed Tuesday in Northwestern police court.

"Your action would have been all right in your neighborhood or in my neighborhood but not up here," Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick told James Walters, 44, of 3372 Kenyon Ave.

The principal defendant, Charles Johnson, 24, of N. Mount St., was held for the grand jury in $300 bail. He was accused of (1) disorderly conduct and (2) "taking hold of" the arresting officer, Patrolman Lewis Hammerly.

Testimony Conflicts

Versions of incidents leading to the arrest of the two men differed sharply. Six police officers offered similar testimony. The two defendants and six defense witnesses told another story.

Four vice squad members, led by Officer Joseph Carrol, said they were after crap shooters in an alley near Vincent St. and Harlem Ave. Apparently clearing the way for them, Officer Hammersly attempted to move a truck which the defendant, Johnson, drove into, the alley.

The officers maintained Johnson did this on purpose and refused to back out of the alley. Officer Hammersly, police said, peaceably suggested to Johnson that he move the truck.

Johnson Struck by Officer

Johnson refused, the policeman testified, and as the officer approached the defendant, the latter placed his hands on him, reportedly tearing Hammersly's shirt.

It was then, the officer continued, that he struck Johnson with his fist.

However, Johnson told the court the officer attempted to give him the "brutal routine," shouting and swearing at him shortly the truck entered the alley.

Life Threatened, Defendant Says

"He said he'd give me a ticket if I didn't back out," Johnson testified, "and when I stopped, started out of the truck—as he suggested—and the door swung open he swore:

"If that door hits me I'll break your damn neck."

Johnson displayed his cheek and lip where the officer struck him; but Magistrate Fitzpatrick dismissed the gesture with this comment:

"I don't see any marks and you (court officials) had better have him photographed before he gets some physician to behold him."

The magistrate also suggested an immediate medical examination.

Bystander Protests Beating

Mr. Walters, the tavern owner, testified:

"The officer grabbed the boy out of the car and started pummeling him. All I said was, 'Don't hit that boy, he hasn't done anything.' I just didn't think it was the way he was being beaten."

Walters was represented by Magistrate Joseph Kolodny of Traffic Court, who asked for clemency on the ground that in the excitement his client "might have imagined more than he saw."

Other Witnesses Indignant

Corroborating Johnson's testimony was Harry Hughes, 628 N. Arlington Ave., who said he, too, would have cried out "except for the fact that I didn't want my head beaten."

Mr. Hughes, who was sitting on his steps, said the officer made the arrest in a manner not befitting an officer of the law.

"That's the way it happens whenever a colored man is involved," Hughes asserted.

Freeing the tavern owner, Magistrate Fitzpatrick advised him not to harbor any ill feeling against the officers since he "might need their protection" at some future date."

Money Presented for Camp Improvements

A Citizens Camp Committee, headed by Mrs. D. Arnett Murphy, presented officials of the Madison Ave. YWCA the amount of $771.59 to be used for repairs and equipment at Camp Grace McCard this summer. Here, Mrs. Murphy presents the check to Mrs. Victor L. Gray, chairman of the Y committee of management. In the picture, left to right, are Miss Nellie F. Brown, Mrs. Murphy, Miss Eugenia Hardy, Mrs. G. Lake Imes (Grace McCard), Mrs. Lilian Lottier, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Alice B. Arrington, YWCA executive secretary.

JUSTICE, BALTIMORE STYLE:

White Police Brutality Objector Reprimanded

YW Given $771 for Camp Upkeep

Committee's Donation One of Several Listed

The Citizens Camp Committee of Baltimore, last Thursday, presented officials of the Madison Ave. YWCA $771.59 to be used for repairs and equipment at Camp Grace McCard this summer.

Mrs. D. Arnett Murphy served as chairman of the committee; and Mrs. G. Lake Imes and Grace McCard, as honorary chairmen.

Countless citizens helped the following members raise the amounts listed:

Mrs. Alice B. Arrington, $146.50; Mrs. Victor L. Gray, $116.01; Miss Eugenia Hardy, $107.75; Mrs. G. Lake Imes, $232; Mrs. George V. Lottier, $57.50; Mrs. D. Arnett Murphy, $78.87; and Mrs. William Wright, $92.74.

Contributions "Encouraging"

In accepting the money for the YWCA, Mrs. Gray said:

"It is encouraging to know that the community is willing to support this worthwhile project. There isn't anything that will help girls grow into maturity more than a group living plan at our camp for teen age girls."

Mrs. Gray also announced that the Weslyan Service Guild of the Washington-Baltimore Conference has built an infirmary at the camp in honor of Mrs. Florence Gaither. They will dedicate the infirmary at 3 p.m. on July 10.

Miss Eugenia Hardy, chairman of the branch camp committee, announced that the Young Matrons Culture Club, Mrs. John Thomas president, gave the camp 36 washbasins and a dozen towels and wash cloths.

Clubs Give Campership

Camperships have been received from:

Mrs. Clyde Alvin Clapp, $25; Sigma Wives, Mrs. Robert Bell, president, $20; National Association of Business and Professional Women, Mrs. Lillian Watts, president, $15; Mrs. Ethel J. Day, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Mrs. Theron Crafie, president, $15; $5; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Mrs. Beatrice Hall, president, $5; and the Woodbrook Ave. Neighborhood Club, Miss Inez Redmond, president, $15.

Mrs. William T. Wright gave the equipment to be used in the infirmary.

Empty Gun Theft Nets Two Terms

One youth, 17, and another, 21, were sentenced Thursday, to a total of 12 years in prison after pleading guilty of robbing a matron at the point of an empty pistol.

Judge John T. Tucker sentenced the youngsters, William Carring ton, 17, to 5 years, and George B. Blackwell, to 7. Carrington had no previous police record.

According to Edwin Gerhring, prosecutor, Mrs. Mary Larkine of 1718 Aisquith St. was walking in the 1800 block on May 24 when Carrington brandished the gun and Blackwell snatched her purse containing $7.

Younger Thug Captured

Mrs. Larkin's screams attracted Officers Anthony Slaylor and Clarence Bowen who caught Carrington near the scene. He had thrown the gun into a yard.

Some 26 days later, Blackwell of the 1600 block Gilmor St. walked up to Officer Carl Small on his beat and surrendered. Carrington lives in the 1600 block N. Calhoun St.

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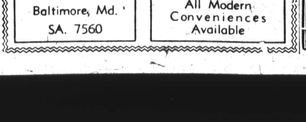

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YWCA Notes

Cherry Hill Exquisites (The Y Teen Club at Cherry Hill Homes) has been very busy lately with a sewing machine donated by Mrs. Estella Keyzer. The members have decided to keep the club going during the summer months by sewing in the Cub Scout Room, bringing their own material.

The girls have organized a Baby Sitters Neighborhood Service Group and will work for families in the homes as another summer club project.

On Sunday, the group held a Mother-Daughter Tea at the center, with Dr. Ruth Holley as the main speaker.

Mrs. Sarah Bundy and Mrs. Estella Keyzer are club advisors. Miss Evelyn Baker is the president; and Miss Linese Miller is the YWCA worker with the group.

Honor Retiring Principal

The Y Teens of Dunbar High School presented their principal, Carrington L. Davis, a farewell gift to express their appreciation to him for what he has done for them.

The Holabird Y Teens held a semi-formal dance on June 24 at Holabird Center. Miss Felicia Cooper is the Club president; Mrs Addie Quick, advisor.

The Jolly Pals (Y Teens at Dunbar Junior High) and the Y Teens of School 130-A had a joint farewell party at the Y last week to celebrate their closing for the summer months. Miss Martha Gover and Miss Helen Harris are the two club advisors. Misses Linese Miller and Eurenia Boney are the Y workers with the group.

2 Les Amies Go to Pa.

Les Amies of Dunbar Senior High sent Vivian Johnson, president, and Lillian Robinson, treasurer, to the Summer Conference for Y Teens at Albright College in Reading, Pa. during the week of June 18 to 24.

This conference was interracial, and the conferees hailed from parts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Washington.

Ruth Bryant from Semper Fidelis Club at Douglass High School also attended. Some girls from Overlea School for the Blind and Mrs. Lois Cox were also included in the Baltimore delegation.

1st Period Campers Listed

The following girls went to Camp Grace McCard on June 29 for the first two-week period:

Sylvia F. Atkins, Vivian Banks, Evangeline Browne, Jacqueline Campbell, Delores Conner, Mary Louise Cooper, Mary Alice Dorsey, Winifred Dyson, Delores Fuller, Carolyn Gerrson, Donnas Goodwin, Joyce Grady, Josephine Hall, Mary Hall, Sandy Johnson, Ruth McCrackin, Irene Mitchell, Mercedes Monroe, Gloria Murray, Josephine Orlando, Meta Patterson, Helena Sorrell, Valerie Smith, Virginia Taliferro, Joan Taylor, Carola Ann Troy, Betty Jeanne Walker and Evelyn Ware.

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Wood's Removal Asked for Okeying Rent Raises

The removal of Tighe Wood, housing expediter, was requested this week by the Progressive Party of Maryland because of his newly announced regulations which permit rent increases.

In a letter addressed to President Truman, the organization accused Mr. Wood of a "new capitulation to the unrestrained greed of the big real estate interests."

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