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YOUNGER GENERATION SPEAKS:

Peace Talk With War Stress Irks Youth

Youth is impatient with the older generation which talks peace and plans destruction.

"It just doesn't make sense," says vivacious Miss DuBois Williams, a 17-year-old Douglass High School senior.

An active member of the Douglass United Nations Youth Organization, this young lady has given more than casual thought to the matter. This group's discussions plus those in the history and English classes have stimulated her thinking.

'Get Beyond Talking'

"Anything as big and important as making peace will naturally take a long time. But, goodness, we've got to make our plans work and get beyond the talking stage," DuBois declared.

"Caucuses, committees, charters and agreements won't do the job," she added.

"What about the threat of the A-bomb and the H-bomb?" she was asked.

She frowned and after a brief reflection she said, "Honesty, we'd like to see that money go to help feed and clothe war-torn countries."

MISS DUBOIS WILLIAMS

Too much emphasis is being placed on the use of these instruments of destruction."

Asked what she considered to be an underlying need in establishing peace, Miss Williams answered, "Understanding."

Too Much Discrimination

"How does youth view the discrimination meted out to the colored American?" "We agree that there is too much discrimination, the Douglass senior said. "That hurts. But we, ourselves are not demanding enough rights. We must do much more by writing our government representatives and voting and being concerned seriously about things.

"I think the schools could help by having more interracial organizations. And I think they should begin in the nursery classes before children have a chance to learn the meaning of discrimination from older persons."

Schooled in Various Areas

Miss Williams, granddaughter of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, the noted historian, lecturer, and author, has been schooled in various sections of the country, and has had ample opportunity to mingle and be a part of many groups.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Yolande Williams, Dunbar High School teacher of 2417 Pulaski St.

Beginning her education at the Modern School in New York City, she went successively to the Oglethorpe School in Atlanta; back to the Modern School then to Baltimore to Garnett School No. 103 to School 130, then to St. Frances Academy.

Attended Northfield

At the end of the ninth grade, Miss Williams went to the Northfield School for Girls in Massachusetts, then she entered Douglass High School.

Presently this young lady is a reporter, assistant feature writer and poetry writer, on the Douglass Courier, which she recently represented at the Columbia Press Association Conference in NYC.

She also is president of the French Club, a member of the Toussaint L'Ouverture Literary Society; senior patrol, assembly choir and chairman of the United Nations Youth Hospitality Committee.

If from no other group, the United Nations Youth group in its local and national meetings has inspired Miss Williams to serious thought on world problems.

Her fervent wish is that youth will begin now to prepare to share in making peace a permanent reality.

TWO SPEAKERS TO APPEAR BEFORE FRONTIERS TUES.

The program at the Frontiers Club meeting at the YMCA at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, will be divided between M. C. Clark, president of the Dunbar Life Insurance Co. of Chicago; and Phillip Dorsey, people's counsel for the Baltimore Public Service Commission.

Fast Counsel Wins Woman Acquittal

Having come to trial without an attorney, Mrs. Gladys Gordon in the midst of the proceedings, Tuesday, beckoned to a nearby lawyer, and won an acquittal on lottery charges.

The woman, with two men, had pleaded "not guilty" to the charges before Judge Michael Manley, and was seated in the prisoner's dock when she looked toward J. Howard Payne, attorney, and called him over.

The two went into a hasty conference, and Mr. Payne promptly informed Judge Manley he was entering the case.

Subsequent testimony revealed that Captain Alexander Emerson found little more than a piece of paper with what looked like itemized grocery costs in the woman's possession when he raided a house in the 1900 block E. Chase St. last month.

Fines, however, went to the men in the case. They are John W. Davis, fined $250 and costs; and John Thomas, $100.

Man, 53, Accused of Molesting Tots

Charged with placing his hands on three small girls, a 53-year-old laborer was acquitted on one count and held under total bail of $2,000 for action of the grand jury, on the other two, when the case was aired in Western police court, Wednesday.

The laborer, James Watkins of the 800 block W. Lexington St., is accused of having placed his hands on the girls, who are two, five and seven years old, on Tuesday, in his room.

Magistrate Julius A. Romano found the man innocent of touching the two-year-old, since no evidence was produced and the tot couldn't testify.

LEGISLATOR 25 YEARS

GRENADA, B.W.I.—T. M. Marryshow, "the grand old man of politics," recently celebrated 25 years of uninterrupted service on the Legislative Council. He has been opposed only three times.

$10,000 Damages Asked in Arrest

The operator of a Pennsylvania Ave. tavern was sued for $10,000, this week, on false arrest charges, lodged by John R. Ayres of Sparks, Md.

Through the Brown, Allen and Watts law firm, Mr. Ayres sued Eugene Phoda of the 1000 block Pennsylvania Ave.

According to the suit, the tavern keeper caused Mr. Ayres's arrest on Dec. 28 by identifying him as one of two men who held up a patron in the tavern. Mr. Ayres was freed of this charge by Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith on Jan. 25.

Mr. Ayres declared in the suit, however, that the period of jail confinement before the trial made him ill, and the entire affair was humiliating and embarrassing.

Moreover, he cited a financial loss because of the absence from his job with the Baltimore City Highway Department.

Rhoda's identification of him, Mr. Ayres added, was not based upon any positive truth, but upon the tavern proprietor's anxiety for a "quick solution" of the case.

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Officials Deny Concentrated Numbers Drive Despite Record Arrests

Board Approves Carver Site

Boy Killer Convicted

Governor, Mayor Shun Mixing in State of Affairs Endured by Minority Group

Frequent Raids Strangling Uptown Barons, With Downtowners Virtually Unmolested

By Staff Correspondent

Is there, or is there not an organized drive being conducted by the Police Department to knock the bottom out of the lucrative numbers business that thrives among the colored population?

Police Commissioner Beverly Ober answered this question with a flat "No," this week, declaring: "There has been no concentrated drive ordered by me. I don't believe in drives or localizing."

However, in the past six months at least 50 numbers cases involving more than 175 people have been taken to court.

When this was called to Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro's attention, he adopted a hands-off policy, stating that it is a matter concerning the Police Department.

Lane Denies Knowing Facts

Gov. W. Preston Lane denied knowledge of the high frequency of numbers raids in Northwest Baltimore.

He said:

"The enforcement of law has no geographical limitations. I cannot assume that Police Commissioner Ober is following any other than that policy.

"Specifically, I would have to refer you to the commissioner for further information and comment."

Governor Lane explained that he had not been keeping up with newspaper accounts of recent lottery raids.

His duties as Chief Executive and supervisor of State police leaves little time for observation of Baltimore police activities, he commented, unless a specific case is called to his attention.

Readers May Judge

Here are the facts; You be the judge about the concentrated drive.

In the month of September 1949, two numbers, 105 and 500 were so heavily played, that when they hit the colored backers were almost driven out of the racket.

The payoff on these numbers was tremendous, and many players received no payment at all.

Some backers, who had risen to great heights of wealth as numbers barons were smashed into obscurity.

A few reliable backers managed to hang on during the dark days of September and, through cunning and fortitude, were able to put the business back on a solid foundation.

Although back on their feet, these backers realized that they had to be constantly on guard against two things—heavily played numbers and the police.

The last threat was nothing new. Heretofore, they had been harassed by the keepers of the law, but so had persons all over the city who trafficked in illegal operations.

On Nov. 19, 1949, the boom dropped—right in the laps of colored citizenry.

Capt. Alexander Emerson, head of the vice squad, led his men against an operation at 2006 W. North Ave., arresting 18 persons in what he called "the biggest numbers syndicate in the city."

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Why Do the Vice Squads of Governor Lane and Colonel Ober Limit Raids to Colored Sections Only?

AN EDITORIAL

In all of its 58 years in Baltimore, the AFRO has never known of a situation such as that in which the city finds itself today.

Here it is: The police department, under the direction of Col. Beverly Ober and Gov. W. Preston Lane, is engaged in a campaign to clean up numbers gambling in the areas of the town in which colored persons live.

The AFRO does not support numbers or numbers writers. We think gambling is wicked. But gambling has existed since the history of the world and will always exist.

Playing the numbers is a vice, like playing marbles for keeps or poker for pennies.

The community would be better off if there were no gambling, no drinking and no prostitution.

We found that the sentiment of the country was in favor of alcoholic beverages, and the attempt at prohibition enforcement failed.

We have tried in this city and elsewhere repeatedly to stop betting on horse races and we have failed.

What makes us think that we can do any better with betting on numbers?

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Board Okeys Carver Site

Protests Overridden by Estimates Body

BACKERS ON HAND

City Council Is Last Hurdle to Be Cleared

With Mayor D'Alesandro in the driver's seat, the Board of Estimates, Wednesday, stamped its approval upon the controversial Carver High School site ordinance, and sent it on to the City Council, where a fight is expected.

The board's action backed up some 85 citizens, representing dozens of organizations who appeared in support of the selected site at Bentalou and Presstman St.

Also the action overrode the opposition from white residents living near the site who spoke through Fifth District Councilmen. They suggested that the school be placed on property at what is now St. Mary's Seminary in a slum area.

Councilman Among Foes

At the public hearing before the board, Wednesday, and which was called by the Mayor to bring the controversy into the open, only six white persons raised

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Will She Come Back for Edwards?

'Buddy' Slain While Bound

2nd-Degree Murder Verdict Returned

SENTENCE RELAYED

Brother of Culprit Serving Theft Term

Facing the jury, Wednesday, was a small wooden chair and a thick coil of rope—mute evidence in the slaying of a teen-ager while bound, hand and foot.

At the nearby trial table sat 15-year-old Walter Burman, who was 14 years old when he sent a fatal bullet through the chest of his chum, Wilbert (Apple Head) Biddle, age 16.

And further back in the crowded courtroom was Walter's father, Edward Burman, who less than a year ago heard another son, only 16, sentenced to a term up to 15 years in prison for a series of robberies.

Jury Out 38 Minutes

It took the all-white jury 38 minutes to convict young Burman of second-degree murder. Judge Joseph Sherbow ordered both medical and probation reports on the youth before sentence. It could be a maximum of 18 years.

Burman said he and Biddle were playing a game which involved a bet as to which could free himself more quickly from the chair.

He had fired two warning shots across Biddle's head and shoulder before a third struck the youth accidentally, Burman said, insisting that he used a rifle taken from the closet of his home in the 600 block Lanvale St.

Evidence Refutes Story

This was not the contention of

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COURTS NOT INFALLIBLE:

Slips of Justice Show Edwards' Retrial Vital

By RUFUS WELLS

The fact that Thomas A. Edwards will stand trial in June for the second time in the celebrated Glen Burnie dual murders, shows that sometimes the wheels of Justice go awry and nearly destroy the ones they are designed to protect.

The Edwards case, in which the defendant was saved from hanging by a Court of Appeals ruling, bears some similarity to two widely publicized cases in which the convicted men were later found innocent.

These men are:

James Montgomery, 56, of Waukegan, Ill., who was released, last August, after serving 25 years of a life term for criminal assault; and

Joe Majczek, white, of Chicago, who was declared innocent and freed in August 1945, after serving 18 years of a 99-year sentence for killing a policeman. This story was told in the movie, "Northside 777."

In both cases higher courts ruled that the men had been illegally convicted and ordered that they be freed.

In 1923, Montgomery was a re-

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Urban League Unit Urges Stronger Plans for Coppin

Governor's Commission Asked to Speed Up Program for School or Open Towson to All

The Governor's Commission on Higher Education took under advisement on Thursday requests that it strengthen its recommendations about the future of Coppin Teachers College.

Howard H. Murphy, chairman of the Urban League's education committee, asked the body, in addition, to speed up action so that prospective teacher-training college students might make plans for continuing their schooling.

Baltimore Location Backed

In a report of Governor Lane, last January, the commission had recommended:

1. That the teacher training program which was being discontinued by the City Department of Education at Coppin Teachers College, was now the responsibility of the State;
2. That it was the responsibility of the State to continue in Baltimore City, the training of

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Should Burleigh's Will Stand? Jury Can't Agree

NEWARK

The question of whether singer Harry T. Burleigh was mentally competent when he made his complicated last will in 1946 was left unanswered here last Tuesday when an all-white jury was dismissed in Bronx County Surrogate Court after deliberating for 7½ hours on the matter without arriving at a decision.

Failure of the jury to reach a decision after an eight-day trial in Surrogate Court left the way open for proponents of the will to try again to have it probated.

Attorneys for the families contesting the will stated that if and when this is done they will again contest the will which means that the trial must be staged all over again.

The estate of the world famous singer-composer has been estimated at between $250,000 and $400,000. The bulk of it will be derived from royalties on the many songs which Mr. Burleigh composed or arranged.

The suit was filed by Alston Burleigh, son, and Mrs. Louise Burleigh, wife, who was estranged from the noted composer at the time of his death.

The will, the second made by Mr Burleigh, left Mrs. Burleigh only $2,500, and ordered the remainder of the estate divided among Harry T. Burleigh 2nd, of Washington, only grandson; Mrs. Grace E. Blackwell of Newark,

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Cupid's Corner

Marriage licenses were issued to the following 14 couples, here, this week:

CLARK-BUCK — John J., 37, divorced, 539 Bloom St.; Claudia, 32.

PAYLOR-HARRISON — William M., Jr., 23, 1643 Ashland Ave.; Bernice, 18.

BYRD-CARBERRY — Marshall, 22, 253 Robert St.; Helen, 22.

McGEE-JOHNSON—Robert Lee, 37, divorced, 1618 E. Chase St.; Anna, 21.

PULLEY-BARNES— Charlie, 48,

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Coming Events

Friday

Evening in Paris, variety program at the Falls Rd. AME Church—8 p.m.

Opening program of the Paramount Automobile Association at the YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave.—8:30 p.m.

Saturday

Rehearsals of the Little Folks Theatre at its workshop, 1318 W.

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AFRO Book Reviewer to Lecture at Pratt Library

J. Saunders Redding, AFRO book reviewer, will speak on "The Negro Author: His Publisher and His Public," at a meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, in the auditorium of Central Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St.

Joint sponsors of the meeting are the Morgan State College Department of English and the English Council of Greater Baltimore.

The speaker, visiting professor of English literature at Brown University; is regularly on the faculty of Hampton Institute. He has written, "To Make a Poet Black," "No Day of Triumph," and a novel, "Stranger and Alone."

Mayflower Award Winner

The latter book won for him the Mayflower Award for distin-

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J. SAUNDERS REDDING

Shooting Victim Changes Her Mind

Mrs. Mildred Ridings, white Tennessean, is shown leaving Northeastern district police station, Wednesday, where she attempted to clear a male friend charged with shooting her by reverting to an earlier statement that a "colored man did it." Nevertheless, her friend, Lester Lee Moyer, white, whom she accused in a second statement to police, was held for grand jury action in $2,500 bail.

HUSBAND'S FRIEND HELD:

White Woman's Story of Shooting Discounted

Exercising a woman's right to change her mind, Mrs. Mildred Ridings, white, denied in Northeastern police court, Wednesday, that she had been shot by the male friend she had earlier accused.

She returned to her first statement that a "light complexioned Negro" did the shooting.

The 26-year-old matron from Tennessee was shot in the stomach while in her Fairmount Ave. apartment, early on the morning of March 31. Her husband was at work at Sparrows Point.

At Johns Hopkins Hospital Mrs. Ridings told Sgt. Lawrence Conney that she was shot by a "colored burglar," who had demanded money from her.

Later when Sgt. Anthony Kircher questioned her at the hospital, Mrs. Ridings retracted the first statement and named Lester L. Moyer, white, of 2524 E. Hoffman St., as her assailant.

Police then arrested Moyer on a warrant. The 30-year-old welder admitted knowing Mrs. Ridings and being at the house "about midnight" March 31, but he denied the shooting.

Police quoted Moyer as saying he owed Mrs. Ridings three dollars. Moyer is employed as a

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Woman Falls From 3rd Floor Window

A 48-year-old woman who leaned too far out of her apartment window and lost her balance is in a critical condition in Provident Hospital according to the hospital report.

She is Mrs. Lottie M. Jackson of the 800 block N. Calvert St., who fell to the pavement Thursday from her third floor apartment window.

Flimflammers Nip Another for $800

Another flimflam victim lost $800, this week, to two operators who drove her all the way to a Dundalk bank for her money.

Mrs. Louise Thompson of 819 N. Central Ave., swelled the list of such victims, Tuesday, when she told Central District police how two men worked the "dropped pocketbook" game on her.

Last week, police launched a search for two women who flimflammed a victim out of $1145. Also still at large are two women who made off with $2,700 belonging to another victim.

Baby Sitting Aide Added

Mrs. Thompson told the police she was approached near a Gay St. bank by a man who wanted someone to take care of a baby. Another man, she said, joined them and reported finding a purse with $1500.

The agreement was that the money would be split three ways.

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Lane Greets Boy 'Assembly'

20 'Legislators' From 23 Localities Attend

RIGHTS BILL DEAD

Cumberland 'Gov.' Says He Opposes It

ANNAPOLIS — Citing the historic highlights of this 300-year-old city, Gov. W. Preston Lane addressed some 200 Maryland youths Thursday afternoon, as the 1950 Model Legislature opened its three-day session.

Twenty colored youths from high schools in Baltimore City, Turner Station and Annapolis are among the boy "solons" in attendance.

Amidst applause of the youthful Legislators, Governor Lane said it was in Annapolis that Gen. George Washington, who was recommended as Army commander by Thomas Johnson, a Marylander, resigned his commission when the war ended.

Welcoming the YMCA-sponsored assembly to the State capitol, the Governor declared:

"I am thrilled to have the Modern Legislature in Annapolis, fitting you to accept and discharge future responsibilities, so the light of liberty may never be dimmed in Maryland."

Cumberland Lad Shows Stripes

After Lane's address, Boy Gov. John Duguid of Cumberland addressed the joint assembly and recommended that they pass legislation on education, finance, raise

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2 Escape Brinks Holdup Charges

Nabbed With Boston Bank Bag in Auto

Both of the young men questioned by Northeastern District police about the million-dollar Brinks holdup, after a Boston bank bag was found in the automobile they occupied, are at liberty, today.

One of them, Earl Melvin, 21, of the 2000 block E. Eager St., driver of the automobile, was released in $1000 bail on a lottery charge.

The other, Willie Harris, 21, of the 1500 block E. Eager St., was cleared of a numbers charge at a

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They Appealed For Carver High School Site

Here is part of the crowd of citizens who packed City Hall, Wednesday, and won the Board of Estimates' approval of the Bentalou-Presstman site for Carver Vocational High School. The ordinance involving the site was sent to the City Council where strong opposition exists.