Mayor Presents Key to the City to President of Baltimore Music Guild

Mrs. Margaret Rush Franklin, president of Music Guild, receives key to the city from Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro in his office, Tuesday. Prior to the presentation, the Mayor had issued a proclamation designating the week of August 20th through August 25th as "National Negro Music Week" in Baltimore. Other Guild members in the picture are, left to right: Mesdames Katrine White and Veola Coleman; Charles Parker; Carghill, Margaret Franklin and Gwendolyn Lassiter.

WAR CHANGES ATTITUDE:

Dr. Camper Quits Post in Progressive Party

Basic disagreement with the local and national bodies on the Korean situation prompted Dr. E. T. Camper to resign, Wednesday, as director of the Progressive Party of Maryland. In his letter of resignation to Harold Buchman, Part secretary Dr. Camper said:

"I have given this action long and serious consideration ever before Henry Wallace resigned.

I have held consultations with yu (Buchman) and many others both within and outside of the Progressive Party with hope of being able to reconcile our two points of view.

"But the longer I study it the more clearly it develops in my own mind what my duty should be."

Following Wallace's Footsteps

The Progressive Party has taken the stand that the United States should take no part in the Korean conflict. Differing with this opinion, Mr. Wallace, the Party's candidate for President in the last national election, resigned last week.

Dr. Camper continued:

"I originally joined the Progressive Party because I felt that in the two old parties there was no hope for my time-and-again expressed desires to see colored people attain first-class citizenship by abolishment of jim crow, segregation and discrimination at all levels."

"I fought for the abolishment of all discriminations, racial or religious, for peace and economic security for all people, because I know that without the latter, my first objective could never be attained.

Says War Alters Picture

"These objectives can only be relegated to ashes and dust with an America torn by strife in possibly the most crucial period of her history. We are in a dangerous war; America is at war and that completely changes the situation as far as I am concerned.

"If this is a fact, then we as Americans must give every aid as which we are capable of to bring this war to a successful conclusion. To me, it is not my country right or wrong, but my country or no country.

"I therefore consider that an early conclusion of the war is essential to the original program of the Progressive Party as outlined by Wallace."

Apprehension About Impact

"To be frank about it, when this matter first came up in New York, at the meeting of the executive committee of the National Progressive Party, I was quite apprehensive about its impact upon the Progressive Party, especially after hearing the majority of opinions as expressed by those present.

"But after Mr. Wallace had outlined his position and made clear what action he would take, if any other position were adopted, there was almost a unanimity on the part of those present to work out a compromise, which would have permitted Mr. Wallace to remain and subsequent myself.

"At a subsequent meeting of the executive committee of the national body, at which I was not present, this future compromise was thrown out and the policy as of today was submitted.

Hoped for Compromise

I had hoped, even after this action was taken, that the desire to retain Mr. Wallace, would cause the Progressive Party to revert to the original compromise."

"The top issue in the campaign of the Progressive Party candidates in the coming election will be the Korean doctrine that was adopted by both the national and State parties.

"Therefore, being completely in disagreement with this opinion, I feel it would be dishonest to you, to myself and colored people to remain any longer as chairman of the Progressive Party of Maaryland."

DR. CAMPER

$5,000 Holdup Probe Continues

Police and FBI agents, this week, continued their investigation of the $5,000 holdup of two Calvert Bank messengers, last Monday.

One of two men arrested in connection with the daylight robbery has been released. He is a 27-year-old man from Fairfield, Md.

The other man, James Washington, admittedly owner of the getaway car, is still being held by police.

Given All-Night Ride

Washington, a 26-year-old stevedore and former Army sergeant, said his car was taken at gunpoint by a man on Pennsylvania Ave. about 3 a.m. on Monday.

He tol police the man drove the car to Argyle Ave. and Lafayette where he was joined by "two or three others." Together, Washington said, the men tied him up and put him in the trunk of his car.

They then rode around until shortly after 9 a.m. when they abandoned the machine in the 600 block of Vincent St.

Owner Called Police

Washington said he called police after freeing himself from the trunk. This was a half hour after the bank messengers had been robbed.

The stevedore was immediately placed under arrest and has been in custody since.

The holdup occurred shortly before 9 a.m. at Druid Hill Ave. and Laurens St., as the messengers were en route to an East Baltimore Calvert Bank branch to leave the money.

Police said Washington's car has been identified as the one used in the holdup.

Man, 57, Found Floating in Water

A 57-year-old man was discovered floating in the water off Fort Armistead, by a woman fishing there, Monday.

He was Gilmore Trogden of the 800 block Greenmount Ave., who was hauled from the water by police, after Mrs. Sally Jackson of 1129 N. Eden St., reported seeing the body.

Police said that there was no evidence of foul play found and the Medical Examiner's office listed the cause of death as drowning. The body was claimed by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Trogden.

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Dope Addicts Snared in Big-Time Holdup Dragnet

Afro's Hicks Describes How:

Engineers Destroy Korean City

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21st TR. TK. BN. SCHEDULED TO LEAVE CITY WEDNESDAY

The 231st Transportation Truck Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Vernon Greene, will leave Baltimore's Pennsylvania Station on Wednesday evening for service at Camp Edwards, Mass. This is the first Maryland National Guard unit alerted since the outbreak of the Korean War.

Elks Vote Finley 10G's

Robeson Says He'll Fight On

Passport Still Kept by State Department

TALKS IT OVER

Told One Speech Not in Keeping

—WASHINGTON

With the United States Department continuing to deny Paul Robeson a passport, the noted singer declared here on Wednesday afternoon that he will keep fighting for his rights as a citizen.

He asserted that being unable to travel abroad interferes with his livelihood. He also stated that the only speech which the State Department specifically accuses him of making was one in which he compared life in Mississippi to life in Nazi Germany.

Will Continue to Speak Out

Standing in the driving rain outside the Winder Building on 17th St., N.W., where he and his attorneys had conferred unsuccessfully with State Department officials in the Passport Division, Mr. Robeson said:

"I will continue to fight for my right as a citizen to speak freely. It does not matter where free speech takes place—whether it is in this country or abroad."

Mr. Robeson was accompanied

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Heist Dragnet Nabs Addicts

2 of 6 Hold-Up Suspects Accused

SQUANDERED LOOT

$116,000 Bail Set: Total Stolen $6,338

Bail totaling $116,000 was set on Thursday for six men involved in the $6,338 holdups of three finance companies, one of which was robbed twice. Testimony was that much of the loot was used to buy drugs and that at least two of the men are dope addicts.

Five of the men were rounded up by Det. Sgt. James H. Butler and Patrolman Lloyd Johnson, who were highly commended by Capt. Henry Kriss in the cases which were unsolved for nearly two months.

Suspects Named

Held for grand jury action by Magistrate James Elias in Central Police Court after a hearing, Thursday, are the following:

James Banks, 23, of the 1200 block Madison St., $28,000 total bail on charges involving three of the holdups, theft of a wallet with $50 from one of the finance company employees and three cases of carrying a deadly weapon;

Vernon Lightfoot, 19, of the 300

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How Bussey's Engineers Destroyed Entire City

Yechon's 40,000 buildings, 8 track railroad, lumber yard, hydro-electric plant, 200-foot bridge and 300,000 tons of rice all went up in flames.

By JAMES L. HICKS
AFRO-AMERICAN War Correspondent
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WITH THE 24th INFANTRY IN SOUTH KOREA — Every GI in embattled South Korea would like to burn one of the squalid enemy infested villages, but that's a combat engineer's job and as commanding officer of a combat engineer unit 1st Lieut. Charles A. Bussey is judged by how well he can burn and sack a town.

He proved that he knew his job after the Third Battalion of the 24th Infantry had taken the town of Yechon following a bloody battle, and then our GHQ decided to give it back to them without a fight, in the move which saw American lines shift their power from the north to the southwest.

The mission of 1st Lieut. Bussey's Engineers who are part of the 24th, is to construct and destroy routes of com-

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Doctor's Bill Was $28,000

Herb Jones Seconds Renaming of 'Grand'

NO OPPOSITION

Rolled Onto Platform, Given Wild Ovation

By SAM LACY
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

CHICAGO—Acting swiftly in deference to his health, supporters of J. Finley Wilson swept him into office as grand exalted ruler for the 28th time at the Elks' convention here Tuesday.

To further seal its support of Mr. Wilson, the membership voted him an appropriation of $10,000 to help defray the expenses of his illness. The grand exalted ruler reported he had spent an estimated $28,000 to regain his health.

Election was by acclamation and it put to rest expressed fears that the veteran leader of Elkdom was to be confronted with the bitterest fight of his long and checkered career.

For several weeks prior to the

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"Daddy of the Blues" in Baltimore

W. C. Handy, 77-year-old 'Daddy of the Blues,' presents a copy of his new song, "They That Sow in Tears" to Miss Gloria Harris of Detroit as they attended the National Association of Negro Musicians meeting in Baltimore this week. Miss Harris sang the song for the first time. (Henderson photo)

'Daddy' Bishop Fields Denies Rumors That He Suffered Beating

Denying rumors that he was beaten by two men this week, "Daddy" Bishop R. F. Fields, evangelist, said he had not been attacked.

"The only beating I have taken was in moving from my Linden Ave. place to my home in the 2200 block of Reisterstown Rd.," the minister said jokingly.

Shortly after another evangelist was in two weeks ago, reports spread that Bishop Fields had been beaten.

Taxation Without Representation

Fire Board's Stand Irks

Won't Hire Us, But Asks Larger Budget

By MAE MEDDERS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles pointing out the city agencies which operate on money from all taxpayers and yet do not employ colored citizens.)

The Fire Department wants $6,866,477 next year out of the city budget.

This is $651,540 more than the department was allotted in 1950.

The city budget, meanwhile, is built from taxpayers' money; and taxes make no distinction between the races.

But the Fire Department refuses to hire colored firemen. The Fire Board has adopted the theory that white firemen would resent working with colored firemen.

Mayor Backs Board

Yet this same Fire Board harvests (from taxes of colored and white citizens) $2,500 a year to

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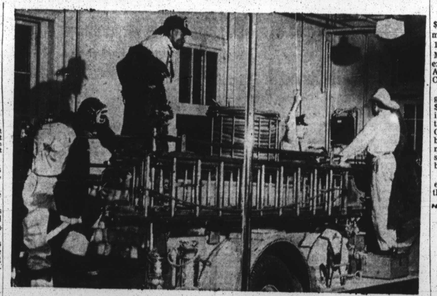

This group of Washington firemen shows that in many progressive cities, several South of Baltimore, men serve in the fire department on the basis of qualification. Not so in Baltimore, where all firemen are white.

Clean Block Drive Prizes to be Given

Some $1127.58 in cash, three $25 war bonds and seven gifts of merchandise will be awarded at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 1, at the Met Theatre where the closing exercises of the 16th annual AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block Campaign will be held.

Some 170 blocks workers will get prizes ranging downward from $100 to $2.50. Individual prizes, including six gifts from the Walters Company, a watch from Jules Gift Shop and three $25 war bonds from Joe Paul, East Baltimore merchant, will also be presented to 10 outstanding clean block workers.

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro is expected to be on hand to greet the children; Elmer Hender-

City Teacher Critically Ill

Mrs. Ida Nixon Nicholas, city school teacher, stricken by polio, is critically ill at Sydenham Hospital.

Her mother, Mrs. S. Orrin Nixon, told the AFRO Thursday that no visitors, flowers or candy are permitted.

son, assistant superintendent of public instruction, Miss Frances M. Murphy, clean block director for some 15 years, will also highlight the program.

The prizes will be awarded by Howard H. Murphy, AFRO business manager; and Mrs. Frances M. Wood, clean block manager, will preside.

Talent Show Added Feature

An outstanding feature of the

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Finley Insists He'll Be Up

By SAM LACY
Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO — Any fears which the 2,500 delegates to the Elks national convention may have for the future of J. Finley Wilson, certainly are not shared by the grand exalted ruler himself.

Mr. Wilson talked for 15 minutes with the AFRO in his 12th floor suite at the Hotel Stevens on Thursday, and at no time was there anything but supreme opti-

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Musicians' Group Closes 5-Day Convention Today

The National Association of Negro Musicians Inc., which has been in session here since Sunday, closed its 27th annual convention with a concert, memorial services and election of officers, today.

The High Tower Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles presented the final concert.

The sessions opened on Sunday afternoon with a mass meeting held at Sharp St. Methodist Church, convention headquarters.

The scholarship contest held Sunday night netted two vocal contestants first prizes. They were Misses Gloria Harris of Detroit and Jacqueline Henry of Washington, both sopranos; and Miss Catherine Hughes, lyric soprano of Washington, third prize winner.

Pianist Sweep Instruments

James Sapights of Washington won first prize; Frederick Rochester of Philadelphia, second prize; and Miss Elaine Nurse of New York, third prize, in the instrumental group, all were pianists.

By noon on Monday approximately 161 delegates from 13 States and the District of Columbia had registered.

W. C. Handy, "Father of the Blues" and board member, arrived in town Wednesday afternoon.

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376th Engineers Leave for Camp

Unit Receives Colors From Mayor at Station

The first Maryland reserve unit called to colors during the present crisis is scheduled to leave for camp today (Friday) and receive the city's colors from the Mayor in formal ceremonies at Camden Station.

The unit, the Army's 376th Engineer Construction Battalion, was alerted July 23 while on maneu-

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National Officers and 160 Delegates From Eight States Attend 27th Annual Convention of Musicians

National officers of the National Associatiion of Negro Musicians, Inc., who held their 27th annual convention in Baltimore this week, took time out from their busy schedule to pose for AFRO photographer. From left to right: W. Russell Johnson, treasurer, Philadelphia; Mrs. Kathleen H. Forbes, second vice-president, Cleveland; Dr. Roscoe R. Polin, first vice-president, Indianapolis; Chrenee Hayden Wilson, president, St. Louis; J. Wesley Jones, executive secretary, Chicago; Albert J. McNeil, assistant secretary, Los Angeles. In front Mrs. Ruth Allen Johnson, recording secretary, Chicago.

Delegates attending the National Association of Negro Musicians, were caught chatting informally in the exhibit room in Sharp St. Methodist Church where 6-day sessions closed Friday. Left to right: Miss Clara E. Thomas and Mrs. Alice Crawford, New-York; Mrs. Georgia L. Chambliss, Baltimore; Orrin Suthern 2nd, Lincoln University, Pa. Mesdames Mary E. Foster, Chicago, Omega King, Philadelphia, Susan E. Jordan, Chicago; Mazie Sandiford, Philadelphia, and Katrine White, Baltimore.—(Phillips photo)