Four To Graduate From Musical Arts Institute

Four students of the Baltimore Institute of Musical Arts will graduate during the commencement exercises Saturday, June 6, at 6 p.m. Carrington B. Davis, chairman of the Arministrative Committee, will introduce the commencement speaker.

Salute to the following graduates will be made by Dr. J. Leslie Jones, president:

Marjorie C. Butler, Leroy Davis, Lueray Norris and James B. Taylor. They majored in voice and piano.

Music Festival

Other activities of the Baltimore Institute of Musical Arts include a June Music Festival scheduled for Friday, June 1, at Western High School. Featured will be outstanding talent of voice, instrument and ballet.

On Sunday, the Institute will hold its eighth annual memorial service at the Institute.

ENCORES ... and ... ECHOES

By E. R. REA

Marian Anderson will return home from her tour of Japan and Korea in time to join Mary Martin and Ethel Merman on the Ford Motor company's 50th anniversary telecast on June 15th. While in Japan, Miss Anderson became the first artist of color ever to perform (she sang for 30 minutes) in the sanctum sanctorum of Nipponese royalty, and to receive Emperior Hirohito's highest distinguished medal.

Juanita Hall, the Tonkinese woman of "South Pacific," opens June 23 at Chicago's Black Orchid . . . Lionel Hampton may reopen flesh shows at Philadelphia's Uptown theatre June 15, with Joe Louis's show to follow.

Billy Bigg is a new "pop" star . . . The U.S. Tax Court has okayed musicians' tax deductions for travel . . . The

Anderson Merman

Dominoes have reorganized . . . Sam McLawler's Trio playing Harlem's Apollo theatre.

Vocalist Amanda Thigpen may soon join the charmed circles of TV and recording. She has both talent and personality. When Josephine Baker met Charlie Chaplin at a ball in Paris, she left her lipstick imprint on Chaplin's cheek.

Sonny Tilghman denies reports that he is leaving the Orioles . . . When the Royals, a singing group, was recently stopped by a highway patrolman on a Mississippi road, they answered his questions with "yes" and "no."

To square themselves, they had to give out with songs. and Geneva Smith, shake dancer with the group, had to "hula," right on the highway. This knocked out the law, and a possible fine and chain gang term.

Ed (Toast of the Town) Sullivan and Walter (Wrongo) Winchell in a new feud over talent . . . It seems that Ed had pacted a "Can-Can" dancer to appear on his show in two gdest shots for $5,000. In the meantime, she made a free guest appearance on Winchell's show. Sullivan "toasted" her by cancelling her off his show.

Sister Rosetta Tharpe has shifted her recording chores

Calloway Winters

from Decca to Victor . . . Cab Calloway to make an album record of "Porgy and Mess" tunes

Ray Ellington, London bandleader, hospitalized with a throat ailment . . . Billy Daniels will go to Hollywood upon his return from Europe to appear in a film, "The Broadway Story."

The Pearl Bailey-Louis Bellson show to do a quickie repeat at Harlem's Apollo on June 12 . . . Pearl and Louis were married in Caxton Hall, London. Bellson has now written a new tune: "Caxton Hall Swing."

It's no secret that Pearl brushed "that guy," her brother, Bill "right out of her hair" while playing Baltimore's Royal theatre, with him "catching on" at a local nightery for a "sustaining week.

Lawrence Winters, baritone, off on a 10-week tour of seven European countries . . . Wynonie Harris says he'll beat the Richmond, Va., rap.

The New York Fashion Academy calls Jo Stafford "the best dressed woman in music." What do you gals think? . . . Condolences to New York's Al (Nite-life) Moses, whose mother, Mrs. Rose Elizabeth Moses, died recently.

. . . Billie Holiday at Chicago's Beaucoup Lounge.

OHIOAN IN VIRGINIA

SALEM, Va. — Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Rayford of this city recently had Miss Louise Willis of Columbus, Ohio as their house guest.

Olney Theatre Lists Program

The Olney theatre, Olney, Md., has listed six comedies and drama for the current season.

The repertoire will be enacted by the Players, Inc., a professional group which has just returned from a tour of Korea and Japan.

Season's Schedule

The offering for June 17-28 will be George Bernard Shaw's "Man and Superman."

Others following in order are: Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew," July 1-12;

Maibey and Roos' "Red Sky at Morning," July 15-26;

A Comic Masterpiece

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BETHROTHAL TOLD

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Camp Druid Hill To Open July 1

Under the direction of Lloyd White, the YMCA of Baltimore will open Camp Druid Hill on July 1, for youths between the ages of eight and 16.

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Navy Secretary Upholds Jim Crow

WASHINGTON (N N P A)—Texas-born, reared and educated Secretary of the Navy Robert B. Anderson informed the White House last Friday that the Navy will continue to practice racial segregation in naval shipyards and other Navy installations in the South.

The excuse given for continuation of the practice by the Navy is compliance with local laws and customs.

In a letter to Major General Wilton B. Persons, special assistant to President Eisenhower, Anderson said the Navy must "in a very realistic way recognize the customs and usages prevailing in certain geographical areas of our country which the Navy had no part in creating."

Can't Take Initiative

Anderson took the position that the Navy cannot take the initiative in dealing with the problem of racial segregation "but must content itself with being alert to take advantage of its gradual dissolution through the process of social education and understanding."

Major General Persons had inquired of the Navy about racial segregation among civilian employees of Navy yards at Charleston, S.C., and Norfolk, Va., after Rep. Adam C. Powel (Dem., N.Y.) had protested against the practice.

The Navy adopted in 1949 a policy of non-segregation of all service personnel in both the Navy and the Marine Corps, including utilization of housing, messing, berthing and other facilities, to meet the requirements of the executive order issued by President Truman July 26, 1948.

The NAACP has charged that the Navy's policy of segregating colored and white employees in naval yards in the South violates Mr. Truman's executive order, which is still in effect.

Anderson's letter said the general practice in the South is to have segregated facilities such as cafeterias, drinking fountains, and rest rooms.

Anderson said the Navy policy established Jan. 23, 1952, is that common facilities should be provided on naval stations unless the station is subject to the laws of the community which require segregated facilities or where the use of common facilities would conflict with local customs and mores and result in "impediment to productive effort."

Anderson said the Navy does not want to defy local customs that would "inevitably lead to disruptive employee relations, poor community relations, and an ultimate breakdown of efficiency accompanied by lower production.

New York Blind Honors 'Bojangles'

NEW YORK — Broadway, opera, nightclub, and television stars honored the late Bill (Bojangles) Robinson Monday at the Lighthouse, the N.Y. Association for the Blind, 111 East 59th st.

More than 700 blind people were entertained.

Until he died in November, 1949, Robinson visited the Lighthouse each year, since 1937, on his birthday, May 25, to celebrate by dancing and telling stories to the blind.

GREET ETHIOPIAN SOLDIER—Pvt. Gabremicail Tumebo, center, member of the Imperial Ethiopian Bodyguard, who lost a leg in Korea, was greeted by Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, left, of New York recently. Pvt. Tumebo was brought to the United States for prosthetic treatment and rehabilitation by the American Veterans Committee. Looking on is Curtis Campaigne Jr., national chairman of the AVC.

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IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL:

City Tries To Eliminate Housing Acts Safeguards

By LOUIS LAUTIER
For the NNPA News Service
WASHINGTON

Colored people in communities having slum clearance and redevelopment programs would do well to inform themselves fully about safeguards in the Housing Act of 1949, designed to prevent living space available to minority groups from being lessened.

Under the Slum Clearance and Community Development and Redevelopment title of the act, the City Commission of Birmingham, Ala., last Tuesday approved a multi - million dollar Medical Center project, covering an area of 12½ city blocks. The project will consist of three hospitals, a motel, private housing and other types of building.

Of 600-odd families living in the area to be redeveloped, 569 are colored. No provision has been made for relocating these colored families, who are to be displaced, in decent, safe and sanitary housing, at rents or prices which they can afford to pay, and reasonably accessible to their employment, as required by the Housing Act.

Drop Anti - Bias Clause

In approving the Medical Center project the Birmingham City Commission eliminated an anti-discrimination clause. This clause, in effect is a convenant prohibiting the developers of the property from putting a racial restrictive covenant on it.

But it does not prevent the purchasers or subsequent owners from practicing racial or religious discrimination in the sale, rental, occupancy, or use of the property.

There are two suits pending in Alabama courts against the project. One of them is a test case to determine whether the enabling legislation is constitutional.

The other was brought by a group of property owners living in the lower part of the area to be redeveloped. Housing in this area is very substantial. The question is whether the area is a slum or blighted area that may be taken for these purposes.

CIO Would Broaden FEP Rider To Taft-Hartley

WASHINGTON (N N P A) — Back - handed support is given by the CIO to the Ives amendment to the Taft - Hartley law, which would make race or religious discrimination by an employer or a labor union an unfair labor practice.

To the extent that the Ives bill is a step in the direction of fair employment practice legislation, the CIO said, it supports the proposal, but suggested that the scope of the proposed amendment be broadened to include all workers, whether employed in an organized or unorganized plant.

The Ives bill, supported by 11 of the 13 members of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, embodies the exact language suggested by Clarence Mitchell, head of the Washington NAACP Bureau.

Letter To Senator

The CIO views were set out by James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the union and head of its civil rights committee, in a letter to Sen. H. Alexander Smith, of New Jersey, chairman of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

Asked to comment upon the Carey letter, Mr. Mitchell said: "We are satisfied that our language is the best, but any language which will achieve the purpose of full protection of minority groups is desirable."

It has been known for sometime that the CIO was opposed to incorporation of any anti-discrimination provision in legislation to amend the Taft-Hartley Act.

At the time he testified before the House Labor and Education Committee on proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act, Walter Reuther, CIO president and an ardent supporter of civil rights legislation, said he thought anti-discrimination legislation should be put into a separate bill.

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2 Decisions Aid Fight On Schools

NEW YORK — Two recent decisions handed down by federal courts in the South reinforce the drive of the NAACP to outlaw segregation in education. Thurgood Marshall, special counsel, said this week. The decisions involve the refusal of the University of Georgia and a junior college in Texas to admit colored students.

The U. S. District Court in Georgia rejected a petition of the University to dismiss a suit filed last year by Horace Ward to compel the state university to admit him to its law school.

The suit, filed a year ago, alleged that Mr. Ward, a graduate of Morehouse College and Atlanta University, was denied admission to the law school when he first applied in 1950 solely because of his race. The court, in a ruling handed down on May 15, ordered the case set down for trial.

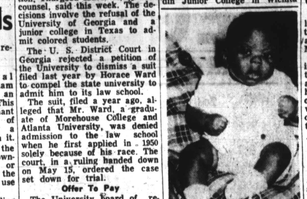
Other To Pay

The University board of regents had offered to pay a major part of Ward's tuition at a colored law school or any law school in the East where segregation was not practiced. The offer was turned down.

The second victory for the NAACP came in a decision also handed down on May 15 by the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, in a case involving six colored students seeking admittance to the all - white Hardin Junior College in Wichita Falls, Texas, the only publicly supported junior college in the district.

The nearest junior college for colored people is the Prairie View A. and M. College, 367 miles away.

A lower court had ordered the Hardin Junior College to admit the colored students in view of the lack of equal facilities. The school board appealed the decision.



NAACP BOOSTER — Four-month - old Forrest G. Cannon Jr., 533 Freeman st., reported $80 to win a silver drinking cup as fourth-place winner of the annual NAACP contest held recently.

Ohio Methodists Set Up Integration Body

COLUMBUS, Ohio (ANP) —A liaison committee for integration of Methodist churches was appointed recently by Bishop Matthew W. Clair Jr.

The committee, appointed during the 84th annual session of the Lexington Annual Conference at Centenary Methodist church here, will confer with any church of the Lexington Conference which desires to be taken into one of the two conferences in the Ohio area.

Police Seeking Kin Of New York Man

Maryland police have been asked to search for relatives of a 40-year-old man who died in New York last week.

The Thibault-Funeral Home of Median, N. Y., sent a telegram to Annapolis authorities Thursday stating that Earl J. Fisher was burned to death, and that his relatives were believed to be in the Annapolis-Baltimore area.

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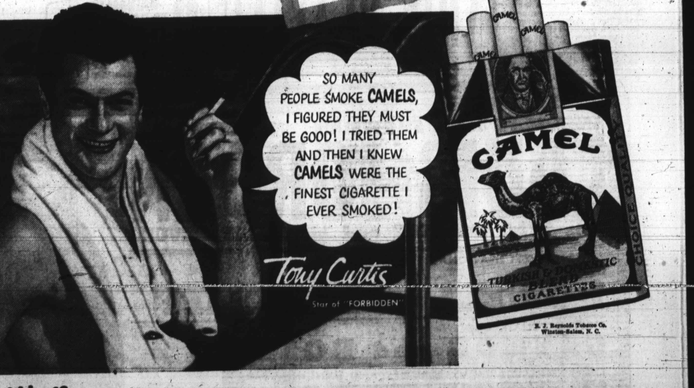

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Doctors' Draft Law Extended By Senate

WASHINGTON

The senate last Thursday passed the bill extending the so-called doctors' draft law to July 1, 1955, the expiration date of the general law authorizing the induction of men into the armed forces under the Universal Military Training and Service Act.

The senate amended the bill, which already has passed the house, to include (1) a provision to continue the $100 a month equalization pay and to extend the equalization pay to veterinarians, who have not been previously included, and (2) to require the minimum period of service to be 24 months.

Kenya Europeans Mad At Remarks By Nehru

NAIROBI, Kenya (NNPA) — Leaders of Kenya's European community have asked Oliver Lyttelton, British Colonial secretary, to raise the question of India's attitude towards British East Africa, particularly the emergency situation in Kenya, at the coronation meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

Michael Blundell, leader of the European-elected members in the Kenya Legislative Council, in a speech accused Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India Prime Minister, and the Indian government of deliberately distorting the truth about the guerrilla war with Africans, called an emergency, and of trying through propaganda to "weaken and undermine the position of the British government here."