Dock workers adopt 'wait and see' stand

A cautious "wait and see" attitude has apparently been adopt-adopted by longshoremen in Baltimore pending the outcome of a vital election in New York City between the International Longshoremen's Association and the American Federation of Labor.

The election was held to determine which of the two groups would represent the dock workers in the nation's largest port, but because of over 4,000 disputed ballots the National Labor Relations Board has not yet announced the official winner of the election.

An authoritative source close to local-longshoremen said that in view of the muddled situation, Baltimore dock workers were uncertain about the future and were making no commitments involving their allegience until the final results of the NYC elections were posted.

Second Largest Port

The importance of Baltimore longshoremen lies in the fact that this is the second largest port along the Atlantic Coast and thus plays a strategic role in the battle between the ILA and the AFL.

Several months ago the AFL expelled the ILA from its ranks because of alleged criminal leadership. Since that time the two groups have waged a bitter and often violent battle for the right to represent longshoremen along the Atlantic Coast.

Most of the war has been waged on the docks in NYC because of the realization by leaders in both camps that whoever represented the workers in NYC, stood an excellent chance of capturing the rest of the ports along the Atlantic Coast.

No Recruiting Drive

To date, the AFL has not made any recruiting efforts in Baltimore, but informative sources indicated that in the advent the AFL wins the election in NYC, the local dock workers will then pull out from the ILA.

The situation in Baltimore is further complicated by the fact that there are two ILA locals, one representing the colored workers and the other representing white workers.

The separate locals have been in existence for over 20 years and, according to reliable sources, no real effort has ever been made to combine them into a single organization.

The locals are not completely segregated since some white members belong to Local 858 and some colored members belong to the white local.

However it is generally realized that Local 858 is the representative of the colored dock workers. On Monday, Jan. 11, Melvin T. Wilkerson, newly elected president, takes over his office in Local 858.

SCOUT DIRECTOR — Mrs. Louise P. Cochran has been appointed director of the Program Development Division, a branch of the Program Department of the National Girl Scout Organization, it was announced this week by Miss Dorothy C. Stratton, national executive director of the Girl Scouts of the USA. Mrs. Cochran has been a member of the national staff since 1948 and was formerly director of program and training with the National YWCA, USO Division, during World War II.

Balto. Omegas at Ohio conclave

The Baltimore delegation to the 40th grand conclave of 16 Omega Psi Phi fraternity, convened in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 27-30.

Theodore E. Brown Sr., senior supervisor, department of recreation and keeper of records and seal, Pi Omega chapter, represented the chapter.

Lloyd Austin and Thomas E. Hicks represented Pi chapter of Morgan State college and were active in undergraduate affairs of the conclave.

Dr. George H. Spaulding, professor and head of the Department of chemistry and Dr. Robert L. Gill, professor of political science, Morgan State; the Right Rev. Edgar A. Love, Bishop of the Methodist Church of the Baltimore area; J. Haywood Harrison, second vice - grand basileus, and D. W. Wyatt attended this conclave.

Dr. Spaulding As Panelist

Dr. Spaulding participated on a panel as a member of the scholarship commission which included Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president, Morehouse College; Dr. Matthew J. Whitehead, president, Miner Teachers college; Oscar Davis, junior, Morehouse College; Dr. A. G. Macklin, professor of basic education, Virginia State college, and Dr. Arthur P. Davis, professor of English, Howard University.

This panel discussed "Ways and Means of Improving Scholarship."

Mr. Harrison was the chief official in charge of undergraduate activities, and Dr. Gill, grand historian, made his usual annual report to the conclave.

Bishop Love is one of the three living founders of the fraternity. The other two being Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, Philadelphia, and Dr. Frank Cooper, professor of physics, Howard University.

Mystery surrounds death of 32-year-old mother

An air of mystery surrounded the death of a 32-year-old Northeast Baltimore mother Monday, who died at Johns Hopkins hospital Jan. 1 after giving birth to a son.

Pending the issuance of a complete medical report from the coroner's office, the death of Mrs. Carrie Hopkins of the 1900 block E. Jefferson st., will continue to be attributed to shock, according to police.

A Northeastern district patrolman was called to the hospital on Dec. 30 when an examination disclosed that the woman had sustained severe head injuries before her death.

During his investigation, Officer George Kelly discovered that a 28-year-old woman had been arrested and sentenced to 30 days in jail for striking Mrs. Hopkins with a bottle on Dec. 26.

When charged with assaulting and striking, Mrs. Anna Brown of the 1900 block Jefferson st., appealed her case in a hearing before Magistrate Marshal Levin at the Pine Street police station.

SCHEDULE EXHIBITION

An exhibition of the Alan Wurtzburger collection of African Negro sculpture will open Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m. at the Baltimore Museum of Art, Charles and 31st streets.

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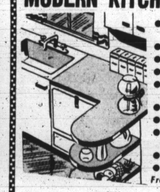

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Outstanding personalities on Coppin assembly programs

The Assembly and Cultural Committee of Coppin State Teachers college has scheduled for the remainder of the school the following feature programs for the remainder of the school term:

JANUARY

8—Bishop Edgar A. Love, Methodist church.
15—Dr. Henry Gerald, psychologist and humorist.
29—Concert, Miss Beatrice Pleasant, member of the sophomore class.

FEBRUARY

5—Louis Alber, world traveler and lecturer.

History Week

12—History Week, Dr. Benjamin Quarles, chairman, history department, Morgan State college.
26—Dr. John Fisher, superintendent of city schools.

MARCH

5—Dunbar High school Girls' choral group.
12—Concert, 8:30 p.m., Young Musicians Series.
19—Dr. John T. Williams, president of Maryland State college, Princess Anne, Md.

School Superintendent

26—Edward G. Stapleton, superintendent of schools of Baltimore county.
30—McFerrin - Overstreet Duo 8:30 p.m.

APRIL

2—Coppin Choral Group.
8—Easter ceremonies.
30—Ralph Ellison, poet, 8:30 p.m.

May 10-14 will be observed as Coppin Week.

Public Invited

These presentations are planned to provide the Coppin student body with a variety of activities. The public is invited. Assembly programs are held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

On Friday, Jan. 8, Bishop Edgar Love of the Baltimore Area of Methodist church was the guest speaker. Bishop Love is prelate of the area overing Washington, Delaware, North Carolina and East Tennessee.

For 12 years he was superintendent of the Board of Missions of the Home Division of the Methodist Church. For eight years he was district superintendent of the Washington Conference.

Previously he held pastorates in Washington, Pennsylvania, Annapolis, Wheeling, W. Va., and fortwo years was a chaplain in the army.

Frontiers Club gives record sum

The largest appropriation for charitable purposes in the history of the local chapter of the Frontiers Club was made on Tuesday when members earmarked $ 275 for eight organizations and projects.

The top sum of $1,000 went to the National Legal Redress Committee of the NAACP, while the second highest amount of $350 was given to Provident hospital.

Also on the list were the local chapter of the NAACP, $100; high school scholarships $300; the national Vitiligo Fund of the Frontiers Club, $300; Big Brother movement, $100; Barrett School, $100, and $25 toward the project to establish a TV program of adult education.

From Wrestling Show

The funds for the charitable appropriations came from the recent wrestling show sponsored by the Frontiers Club.

In addition to voting the various sums, the club also elected officers for the year. They are: Dr. Dwight O. Holmes, president; Edgar M. Ewing, vice president; Earl K. Koger, secretary; Robert J. Hill, treasurer; John L. Procope, member of the executive committee.

Morgan professors attend conference

Dr. Winfred O. Bryson, head of the department of economics at Morgan State, and two other members of the department attended the annual meeting of the American Economic Association, Dec. 28-30 at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Also representing the college were Mrs. Prima Lee Bryson, assistant professor of business education, and Dr. Samuel L. Myers, associate professor of economics.

While in Washington, Dr. Bryson also attended the meeting of the American Association of University Teachers of Insurance which met Dec. 29 at the Statler. Mrs. Bryson attended sessions of the American Statistical Association which met at the Shoreham Hotel.

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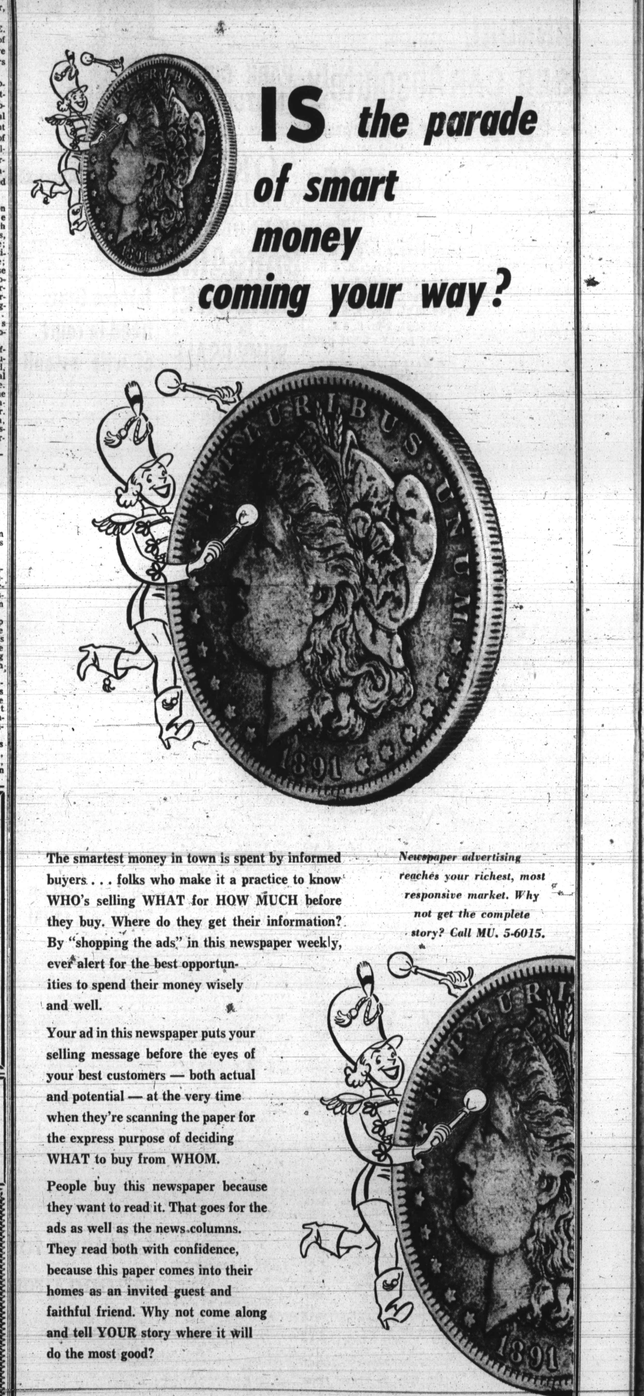

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Baltimore, USA

By BUDDY LONESOME

The name Jones is an ordinary name.

Many ordinary families in Baltimore are named Jones.

And they are poor—which is also ordinary.

But—huddled in a two-room apartment at 2007 Walbrook ave. brook ave. is the family of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones.

In addition to the 30-year-old father, and his wife, Mrs. Willa Mae Jones, 40 there are four children. Junior is 10, Maggie is 9, Hattie, 8, and Louise is 6.

They have just passed the bleakest Christmas of their lives. The children got a coloring set, which was given them by a kind white woman who owns a confectionary store on Poplar Grove st.

Fruit As "Toys"

But that wasn't all they got, for as Mrs. Jones puts it: "We were able to buy them apples, oranges, and some hard candy, but that's all the toys we could buy."

Gently reminded that apples, oranges and candy could hardly be called toys, Mrs. Jones said: "Well they get fruit so seldom now that they hold the oranges and apples and playedwith them all day before eating them."

In case you wonder why this particular family of Jones had such a bleak Christmas—the answer is also ordinary.

They were forgotten.

With all the many charitable acts performed at Christmastime the name of this particular Jones family, which was sent in by the same kindly confectionary woman, escaped everyone's attention.

Address As Factor

Maybe it was the address. You would hardly associate the 2900 block Walbrook ave. with such pitiful circumstances as confront the Jones faithily.

But when they moved to this quiet, residential street, lined with well-built, terraced homes, Mr. Jones had a good job working at a fertilizer factory.

But three months ago, like thousands of other Baltimoreans, he was laid off for lack of work.

He was eligible for unemployment compensation of $32 a week, but like most natives of North Carolina—he's from Tarboro—Mr. Jones didn't want to stay idle.

So he got a job at a near-by lumber yard, which paid him 75 cents an hour. It wasn't much money, but he and his wife thought they could make out if she went to work nights.

But the only job Mrs. Jones could get was that in a white East Baltimore restaurant, working nights from 6:30 to 3:30 the next morning—at $9 a week.

Poor Transit Facilities

When Mrs. Jones got off from work she found transit transportation so uncertain that she would oftimes have to spend money to catch a taxi-cab.

On $30 a week, taxicab rides were an extravagant luxury.

Then, two weeks before Christmas, the youngest child, Louise, caught whooping cough and Mrs. Jones was forced to stay home and nurse her.

The restaurant owner told her he couldn't hold the job until she was able to return.

So at Christmas-time the morale of this particular Jones family was at rock-bottom.

Ray Of Sunshine

But then a ray of sunshine pierced the clouds.

The owner of the lumber-yard gave Mr. Jones a 20-pound turkey for Christmas.

After paying the $13 week rent on the apartment, Mrs. Jones had enough money left to buy the trimmings for the holiday bird.

Nor is she bitter about the barren holiday.

"It was right poor, but the children didn't mind so much because they had their bellies full," the pleasant-face matron said.

Believe In Santa

And the children haven't lost their faith in Santa Claus. Little Louise, who remained at her mother's knees throughout this interview said: "Santa Claus was too busy to come here."

Meanwhile, Mr. Jones is in a fix, because he can't afford to lose a day's pay by looking for a better-paying job.

The only hope now is the promise of a friend to get Mr. Jones a job where he is working—at a much higher salary.

Jones is an ordinary name, BUT . . . . . .

Governor Takes Up Guard Next Week

Four children die as flames destroy one-story house

Parents away from home when baby-sitter leaves tots alone in dwelling

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

GAMBRILLS, Md. — A three-room frame building that once served as an elementary school turned into a funeral pyre for four small children early Wednesday afternoon when a fire reduced the structure to smoking ruins.

The building, located on Route 301 a few miles south of this small country town, was once the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Dorsey, but now all that remains are the blackened timbers, a small pile of bricks, a charred stove and ice box.

Dead as a result of the fire are:

Norma Dorsey, 4, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey, and her three cousins, William Thomas Sellman, eight months; Wilhelmina Sellman, 4, and Mildred Regina Sellman, 2.

Services On Saturday

Funeral services for the Dorsey child will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Johnson funeral home, 34 Lafayette ave., Annapolis. Burial will be in Moses cemetery, Bristol, Md.

Arrangements for funerals for the other three children are being held up pending the arrival of their mother who is a patient at Henryton. James B. Johnson, funeral director said.

The exact cause of the fire which raged for almost two hours before it was brought under control, has not been determined, but firemen reported that it could have started from an overturned stove.

Unable To Enter

The one-story building was entirely consumed by the fire which burned so fiercely that firemen were unable to enter the building in time to save the children.

When the bodies were removed the victims were pronounced

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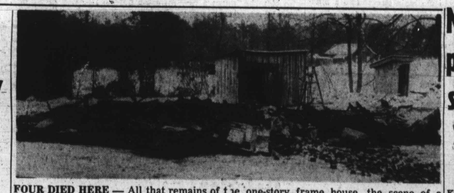

FOUR DIED HERE — All that remains of the one-story frame house, the scene of a fire that killed four children, is this pile of charred timbers and a few blackened household items. The house is located on Route 301, a few miles outside of Gambrills, Md.

McKeldin to probe new separate unit

Orders aides to "squeeze" confab in immediately

The date for Governor McKeldin's conference with Maj. Gen. Milton Reckord over the jim-crow National Guard unit has been definitely set for next week.

Because of the Governor's crowded schedule, no exact date has yet been specified by aides in his office. However, it was learned that Governor McKeldin ordered the conference "squeezed in," sometime next week.

A month ago, General Reckord, State Adjutant General, reactivated the 167th Transportation Co., of the 231st Truck Bn., as an all-colored unit.

First To Korea

The 231st was the first military outfit to carry Maryland's colors into battle during Korea. In line with recent U.S. Army policy of full integration, white and colored men fought side by side in the outfit.

General Reckord's move in again organizing the 231st as a jim-crow unit was vehemently protested by senior officers of the outfit.

When he learned of the existence of the segregated unit, Governor McKeldin—Commander-in-Chief of the Maryland National Guard — ordered an immediate conference with General Reckord.

When the General asked for, and received a postponement, the new date was set.

Reckord Is Irritated

The AFRO contacted General Reckord at his office in the 5th Regiment Armory, Thursday, and asked him about the present status of the senior officers of the 231st.

General Reckord, obviously irritated, said: "What are you trying to get another story? We don't have anything to say."

On November 21, the officers of the 231st dispatched a letter to Governor McKeldin that he grant them the privilege to enlist in their unit "any qualified

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Introduce bill to ban discrimination

Senator Butler co-authors bill providing $1,000 fine

WASHINGTON—(NNPA)—Racial discrimination and segregation in interstate travel would be barred under the terms of a bill introduced in the Senate Wednesday by Senators Irving M. Ives of New York and John M. Butler of Maryland, both Republicans.

The bill provides that interstate travelers shall be entitled to the "full and equal enjoyment" of the accommodations of a carrier, subject only to conditions applying alike to all persons, without discrimination or segregation.

Under its terms, it would be unlawful for any carrier to segregate or attempt to segregate or discriminate against any interstate passenger.

$1,000 Fine

Any carrier, or any of its officers, agents or employees who do so, or any person who aids or assists in segregating or attempting to segregate such passengers or in discriminating against them, would be subject to a maximum fine of $1,000 for each offense and would be liable to suit by the injured person for damages or injunctive relief.

The bill provides that such a suit may be brought in any Federal district court without regard to the sum or value of the matter in the controversy, or in any state of territorial court which has jurisdiction.

Clarence Mitchell, director of the NAACP's Washington bureau, brought President Eisenhower's attention the Ives-Butler bill, Wednesday, in a prepared statement.

"Although the courts have repeatedly said that segregation in interstate travel is unconstitutional," the statement said, colored people are still segregated

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Dad in 160G case missing

Neighbors say he could be in Fla.

WASHINGTON

Irving Grant, the man who "fingered" the $160,000 Bureau of Engraving thieves, is missing!

Efforts Thursday by the AFRO to talk to Mr. Grant, who lives in Middleburg, Va., estate of William Phillips, where he has been a butler for the last 16 years, were fruitless.

Grant is the father of Mrs. Mamie Landis, wife of James Rufus Landis Jr.; said to be the man who "fingered" the Maryland National Guard — ordered an immediate conference with General Reckord.

Neighbors say that Grant had gone to Florida, where his employer, Mr. Phillips now is, in Palm Beach for the winter. Mr. Phillips has been there for two months, Dodson said.

Wife Still Seriously Ill

Meanwhile, Mrs. Grant, stricken wife of the butler, was brought back to the estate Tuesday from a hospital in Petersburg, Va., where she had been taken after suffering two heart attacks when told of the theft and the visit of Landis to the estate to get her husband to hide the money for him.

Mrs. Grant's condition is still serious, and she is not permitted to see anyone. This added to the mystery of why her husband

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Baltimore has 2d snow within week

The hazardous walking and driving conditions produced by the worse snow storm to hit the city in several years continued on Thursday afternoon as a brand new snow storm hit the city.

This week scores of Baltimoreans nursed bruises suffered in falls on icy pavements and others badly totaled up repair bills for their damaged automobiles.

Still uncounted were the number of sore backs and frayed tempers of home owners who shoveled away countless tons of snow in the wake of the first

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Lie detector tests given medic, matron in slaying

TULSA, Okla. — Police this week questioned Dr. William N. Coots, Richmond-born physician, and an unidentified woman as they sought a solution to the brutal Jan. 4 slaying of the doctor's attractive wife and son.

Mrs. Gladys Coots and their son, William Jr., 12, were shot to death in their swank Oklahoma home.

Lt. Harry Siege of the Tulsa police department, said he quizzed the wealthy physician Sunday because of "persistent rumors" linking Dr. Coots with another woman. The woman, whom the police refused to identify, was also questioned Sunday.

Took Lie Detector Tests

Dr. Coots and the woman, identified only as a "prominent socialite," voluntarily took a lie detector test.

Lieutenant Siege told the AFRO that he was "satisfied" that Dr. Coots and the unidentified woman were not involved in the crime. With domestic troubles ruled out, police now believe robbery to be the most likely motive for the double slaying.

No arrests have been made but officers are checking a bloody fingerprint found on the front porch light bulb and are also making ballistics tests on a gun found on an unidentified man.

The Coots family has extensive real estate holdings in the Tulsa area and it was well known that Mrs. Coots collected rentals near the first of the month. On the day of the murder, she deposited several hundred dollars that she had collected, in a local bank.

That evening a priest, Father Cecile H. Cowan, visited the family, leaving at about 8:30 p.m. After putting their child, 12-year-old William Coots Jr., to bed, Mrs. Coots left to collect

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Morgan student wins 'Big Payoff'; may get in finals

A Morgan College freshman waits anxiously lest his television set today (Friday) to see if he and his twin sister will be selected to appear on the "Big Payoff," a daily CBS-TV show, sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Peet co., to try for the jackpot prize—including mink coat, trip abroad and an automobile.

Chosen yesterday to be a "Big Payoff" partner, the student, Harvey Jones, 21, 1717 Riggs ave., won for his sister, shoes nylon stockings, blouses, perfume, jewelry, lingerie, suit, hat, and a watch.

The Business Administration student was selected by a letter he wrote about his sister, Mrs. Harriett Dandridge, 1600 Warwick ave., a welfare clerk.

Soldier caught in murder case

ABERDEEN, Md. — A 22-year-old serviceman from Birmingham, Ala., stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, has confessed to shooting an army private Tuesday following an argument over the use of profanity.

Arrested Wednesday after reporting to the post hospital for treatment of a bullet wound in a finger on his left hand, Pvt. Walter C. Thomas admitted shooting Pvt. Ben Terry Jr., 24, of Columbia, Ga.

Pvt. Terry died on the operating table at the post hospital Tuesday, while surgeons were

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Ike accepts NAACP invite

Asked to address Washington confab

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—President Eisenhower, Wednesday, accepted an invitation to address a one - day meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to be held here within the next month.

The invitation was extended him through a group headed by Arthur B. Spingarn, president of the NAACP.

Others in the group were Walter White, NAACP executive secretary; Dr. Channing H. Tobias, chairman of the board of directors; Judge Theodore Spaulding of the Philadelphia Municipal court, a member of the legal committee; and Clarence Mitch-

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 15

Coppin State Teachers college assembly program featuring Dr. Henry Gerald, psychologist and humorist, 10:30 a.m.

JANUARY 17

NAACP installation service, Sharps Street Methodist church, 3 p.m.

JANUARY 21

Eastside Community Committee, mass meeting, Faith Baptist church, Ashland ave. and Bond st., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 24

Educational unit, Order of Calanthe, K. of F., musical tea, 4 p.m., 2424 Harlem ave.

News release misquoted him says Dr. Eisenberg

A news release incorrectly attributed to him the statement that "colored students can not be taught in the same manner in which white students are taught," Dr. Leon Eisenberg said this week.

Dr. Eisenberg had reference to a story concerning his remarks before a Morgan State college faculty meeting, and distributed to newspapers by the college publicity department.

"It is not only a bad misquotation, but the statement is absolutely false," he said. "The process of learning has nothing to do with skin color since it depends upon properties of the nervous system which are identical in all human beings."

"Same Principles"

"Scientific evidence demonstrates conclusively that intelligence is distributed equally among all races of men. Teaching is therefore based upon the same principles for all.

"My talk, which was entitled, 'Mental Health on the Campus,' dealt for the most part with problems common to the college-age group, white and colored alike.

"Since students at this age are far more alike than they are different, the emphasis of the discussion is distorted by referring only to the last part of the talk which took up the consequences of cultural discrimination to the colored students."

In addition, said Dr. Eisenberg: "There are indeed special problems for the colored student.

Cheated By Jim Crow

"He may come to college not as well prepared because the segregated school system cheats him of his birthright. He attends antiquated, overcrowded schools with insufficient teachers as reported in many AFRO stories.

"His attitude towards his studies can not help but be influenced by the fact that his job opportunities are less than the white students' because of discriminatory employment practices.

"His emotional life is troubled

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Smoke fells man in Carey st. fire

Smoke from a fire in a three-story brick dwelling at 615 N. Carey st. late Monday night, was responsible for the death of James Williams, 74, who occupied an apartment at the Carey st. address, according to police reports.

Mr. Williams was pronounced dead on arrival at Provident hospital where physicians listed the cause of death as suffocation. They also said that he suffered first and second degree burns of the body.

The fire was reported shortly after 11 p.m. and damage was confined to the first and second floors by firemen. When police arrived on the scene, they found the Mr. Williams in his second floor apartment and carried him to the hospital.

Firemen said the blaze had apparently been started by an overturned oil lamp.

IT'S A MUST!

Complete Text of Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson's Address at the Masonic Celebration of the Signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. . . .

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Dr. Johnson calls upon the nation to substitute contempt with respect and love for the persons of our children, our wives and our homes, and to make all avenues of employment open to everybody . . . . and adds: "If we say that we want anything less, we are liars and the truth is not in us."

You cannot afford to miss this sensational address.

IN TUESDAY'S AFRO

HOUDINI JR., GRADUATES—Because of his numerous escapades and alleged 21 burglaries, 14-year-old Calvin Edward Leg Jr., also known as "Houdini Jr.," was "graduated" on Wednesday from the Division of Juvenile Causes and arraigned in Northwestern police court just like any adult. His bail was set at $21,000. Here he's flanked by Sgt. Andrew John and his mother who is partially blind.

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Weather

A 3-5 week end:

Snow, sleet and slush
Freezing rain, Friday
Warmer Saturday
Rising temperatures

932 DAYS
since charges were filed and sustained against the Superintendent of
Boys' Village
The January, 1952, grand jury recommended that no State employee should be named to the Board of a State institution.