Decision awaited in pool cases

Judge Roszel Thomsen is expected to hand down his decision on a motion to end segregation at city swimming pools, Fort Smallwood Municipal Beaches and Sandy Point State Beach, within the next few days.

Informed sources issued the prediction after the conclusion on Tuesday of arguments on a motion by the NAACP for the issuance of a permanent injunction to ban segregation in the city and state owned swimming facilities.

Arguments by the attorneys for both sides consumed a little over three hours and were heard by approximately 15 persons.

A larger group of spectators had appeared at the court room Monday when the motion was originally scheduled to be heard. The small size of the audience was traced to the fact that a number of would-be spectators did not know the hearing would be held on Tuesday.

The hearing was marked by frequent and penetrating questions from Judge Thomsen as he sought to gain further insight into the viewpoints taken by the opposing attorneys.

Destroyed Doctrine

The brunt of the NAACP attack was directed along the line that the Supreme Court ruling against school segregation in May had also destroyed the "separate but equal" doctrine in the field of education.

The NAACP stated its claim on this theory and the contention that segregation in recreation was psychologically damaging. It did not try to argue that the swimming facilities for colored citizens were inferior to those for white citizens, and admitted at the start of the hearing that all facilities were equal.

Attorneys for the state and city argued that the court's decision was not as broad as the NAACP contended and that it had had reference only to education.

Called 'Outmoded'

Representing the NAACP were Jack Greenberg from the New York office, Linwood Koger, and Tucker Deering. The city was represented by Edwin Harlan and Francis X. Gallager from the city solicitor's office. The state by W. Giles Parker, assistant attorney general.

In the opening minutes of the hearing, Mr. Greenberg asserted that the "separate but equal" doctrine was exposed in the Plessy-Ferguson decision of the 1890s was outmoded.

"The Supreme Court has irrevocably set its face against racial segregation. When the state attempts to differentiate in this area because of race it assumes a very heavy burden," Mr. Greenberg said.

Thomsen Interrupts

Mr. Greenberg argued that the segregation imposed by the state and city on the swimming pools was both "odious and unconstitutional" and in violation of the May Supreme Court ruling and the due process clause of the 14th Amendment.

Judge Thomsen interrupted to ask:

"Would all constitutional rights be satisfied if the city and state provided three types of facilities, one for white, one for colored and one mixed?"

Mr. Greenberg said he did not believe such an arrangement would meet the test of legality as it would keep the picture the "same as it is at present."

Speaks Of Emotions

Mr. Greenberg also raised the question of psychological harm caused by segregated recreation facilities operated by the state or city.

His argument was expanded by Mr. Koger who noted the psychological damage of segregation had played an important part in the ruling of the Supreme Court on public schools.

Judge Thomsen interrupted to ask:

"I think the feeling of white people is strongest when it comes to sex. I think the strongest feelings after intermarriage are (about) naked dancing and swimming. Assuming that I agree with everything the plaintiffs said, can this court go farther than the Supreme Court? Should I issue a mandatory injunction at this stage in a case that we all know is more sensitive than schools."

"I think the court has a perfect right to decide that we have had a change of law" and thus could issue the injunction sought by the NAACP," Mr. Koger said.

With the conclusion of the NAACP case, the state began its defense with Mr. Parker saying:

"The best interest of all the people of Maryland would be served by leaving administrative decisions to the Department of Forests and Parks (as regards the end of segregation). Segregation at Sandy Point is not violating anybody's constitutional rights."

"Does the state assume that segregation in recreation does psychological damage to the colored, or does it assume that it does not?" Judge Thomsen asked.

'Not A Violation'

"We maintain that segregation is not a violation of the 14th Amendment. Assuming that there is psychological damage, that is not the only factor involved. Anyone who feels psychological hurt does not have to go to Sandy Point," Mr. Parker said.

The assistant attorney general said he was in accord with the Supreme Court decision against school segregation but he contended that recreation is different than education, and the court decision did not extend into this field.

Mr. Parker said that while education is compulsory, recreation is not; that while education helped to prepare a child for his career, recreation did not.

"Assuming that I ruled that segregation is harmful what possible grounds could there be for separating education and recreation?" Judge Thomsen asked.

Mr. Parker repeated his earlier contention that the Supreme Court decision did not deal with swimming pools and recreation and he could see little if any psychological harm arising out of the maintenance of segregation in swimming facilities.

'Physical Contact'

Harlan devoted the hour's share of his remarks to arguing that swimming involved physical contact and this was undesirable.

"I think one of the greatest objectives is to keep order and prevent riots. It is better for public safety in any activity involving physical contact that the races be separated. The only question is whether the May decisions upset the established law (separate but equal.)

The judge asked the question:

"Do you feel that there is a pressing need for segregation?"

"There must be segregation in the fields of intimate contact since there may be trouble. I feel that in the state of Maryland there is a feeling that if there is integration (in state and city owned swimming facilities) there will be a dropping off of patrons," Harlan said.

Gallagher admitted that while there might be some psychological damage from segregated recreational facilities, he did not feel that it was great enough to warrant its outlawing, as had been done in the school cases.

He also argued that the Supreme Court decision did not upset the separate but equal principal.

In conclusion the Judge said: "I want to thank counsel for both sides for the careful and fair way they have presented their arguments."

One Thing —Another

By Mitch Thomas

Mr. Thomas

BOTH FRANCE AND ITALY have been reluctant to join the proposed European Defense Community protection against aggression.

The EDC has been and is still favored by the United States, Britain and several small nations of Western Europe, but these two recalcitrant nations, France and Italy, have so far not been persuaded to link their destiny with this effort to maintain peace through armament.

Yet, both of them, probably more so than other nations, would benefit from mutual security. Neither is strong, either militarily or politically.

Another Crisis

France is caught in the throes of another cabinet crisis, the 10th such since the end of World War II. Premier Laniel lost his coalition support after some 80 or so days and Mendes-France has been called to form another cabinet.

Here is the weakness of France. Any nation which overrunning Italy cannot last longer than 80 days is innately weak. Unity and strength fail when it is most needed without a strong centralized government.

Nothing could point this up more than the fate of France in World War II. The Nazi hordes ran roughshod over this powerless nation. The basis of its weakness is internal, not its governmental structure.

Italy An Opportunist

Italy has been weak since the days of the glorious Roman Empire. This nation has played the part of an opportunist which casts its lot with any coalition of nations that seemed to have served its aims best.

In World War II, an alliance with Germany took Italy from the orbit of free nations. In World War I, she finally decided to throw in with the Allied Nations. The former opportunistic move led to defeat, the latter to victory.

These are two of the nations with which the United States is trying to weld a formidable wall of defense against aggression from the East. These are two beneficiaries, but they have hesitated to join the EDC.

Assistance Continues

Nevertheless, America continues to assist these nations in their efforts to recover from the ravages of the last major war. Aid to Europe continues to be a drain on the taxpayers' pocket.

Millions are annually poured into the coffers of Western Europe for its defense efforts, but some of those most affected refuse to seek the greater strength suggested by the United States.

"Somewhere there must be a stop. There must come a time when the United States either withdraws some of its assistance to Western Europe or makes outright demands that both France and Italy take a greater and more acceptable role in building the defenses of that geographical area.

Endless Drain

Assuredly, our destiny cannot be severed from the destinies of these European nations, but then too, it is also necessary to stop throwing American resources down an endless drain that may never have the desired stop gap.

The weaknesses are apparent in the governmental structure of France and Italy is weak as far as being a dependable ally, because of the strength of the Communist Party in that country.

World Given Small

Very few national leaders would condone cutting off all aid to Europe immediately. The world has grown to such small proportions that the fate of one nation affects that of others.

However, there must at sometime be a return on the huge investment we have in Western Europe. Our leaders must begin to recognize this, lest we become weakened ourselves through prolonged association with weakness.

Numbers man evades taxes

Gets $3,000 fine, prison sentence

A Washington numbers pickup man who failed to pay $10,955.28 in income taxes for a four-year period, was fined $3,000 and sentenced to six months in Federal Prison in Federal Court, here, Tuesday.

Ulysses Palmer, 52, pleaded guilty to the charge, explaining that he was throwing himself "on the mercy of the court." He was not represented by counsel because, "they all wanted to charge too much," he said.

Palmers identity was revealed during the court hearing by Robert H. Langrall, assistant U. S. attorney. Mr.-Langrall said that although the defendant gave his occupation as a carpenter jobber on some tax returns, he was really a pickup man for a Washington gambler.

Got Five Percent

For collecting the money and bets from the bookies, Palmer got five per cent of the take; the bookies 25 per cent and the gambler, 70 per cent, it was testified.

The gamblers identity was not revealed in court. Mr. Langrall explained, because he is operating with government authorities in other illegal activities in the capital city.

During the four-year period, Palmer paid only $541 in taxes though he received a "substantial" income from rental property, it was charged.

Gets 13 years for murder

A 24-year-old truck driver, involved in the Valentine's Day shooting, was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 13 years in the state penitentiary, Wednesday in criminal court.

Judge Michael J. Manley imposed the sentence term on Norman Armstrong, 24, 1500 block N. Gilmor St.

Armstrong was found guilty of fatally shooting Matthew Sellers, 1100 block N. Gilmor St., in the 1200 block Parrish St., Feb. 14, with a .38 caliber pistol. Sellers died five days later at Provident Hospital.

200 persons worked 48 hrs. after fire knocked out phones

Credit will be applied to the July telephone bill for the number of days phones in Cherry Hill and other areas were out of service due to the fire which destroyed telephone cables on the Hanover St. Bridge.

Two hundred persons worked 48 hours to restore normal service, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. has announced.

The repair forces worked around the clock until the first service was restored at midnight last Sunday. The first phone call was received about 12:15 a.m. Friday, June 18.

2 must pay for play in Perkins Sq.

"We were just playing."

That's the excuse Tom Kennedy, 29, of the 600 block W. Fayette St., produced on Wednesday morning for the "strange doings" in Perkins Square on Tuesday afternoon.

Kennedy and Miss Bernice Booker, 54, of the 600 block George St., were arrested after neighbors around the square complained that the couple was acting disorderly.

Police testified in Northwestern police court that they found several empty liquor bottles near the couple and both were intoxicated.

Kennedy explained "We weren't doing any harm, we were just playing."

Magistrate E. Everett Lane nodded his head:

"Thirty days in jail for Miss Booker and $25 fine for Kennedy —for 'just playing.'"

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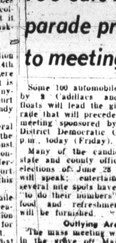

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100 cars in parade prior to meeting

Some 100 automobiles, headed by a Cadillacs and several floats will lead the gigantic parade that will precede the mass meeting sponsored by the 12th District Democratic Club, at 7 p.m., today (Friday).

Many of the candidates for state and county offices in the elections of June 28 (Monday) will speak, entertainers from several nite spots have promised to do their numbers" and free food and refreshment galore will be furnished.

Outlying Areas

The mass meeting will be held in the grove off Mass St. opposite Adams' Inn. Children as well as adults are welcome.

Contingents of Democrats from outlying areas, including Towson and Catonsville as well as Druid Hill Park, are expected to be on hand to evaluate the candidates and enjoy themselves.

Ford Co. slates 4 new buildings

DEARBORN, Mich.—Plans for constructing four new buildings and an addition to a fifth were announced today by Ford Motor Company as part of the Company's 1½-billion dollar postwar expansion and modernization program.

All of the new construction in Detroit-Dearborn area. When nounced today will be in the completed, the new buildings will provide more than 1,000,000 square feet of additional floor space.

Three of the new buildings and the addition will complete the major part of an Engineering Staff facilities expansion program begun in 1947 as a memorial to the late Henry and Edsel Ford.

900 Persons Cafeteria

Largest of these new structures will be a body engineering building, covering 551,201 gross square feet of floor space.

Also included among the additions to the Engineering Staff facilities will be a new scientific laboratory and research building of 385, 636 gross square feet of floor space, a cafeteria building which will accommodate 900 employees, and a new wing for the Engineering Staff administration building.

Four boys held in store theft

Four juveniles who admitted that they broke into a grocery store at Boone and 20th St., early Wednesday morning, have been turned over to juvenile officials.

Two of the boys were arrested at Central Ave. and Chase St. at 6 a.m. on Wednesday by Officer John L. Brown of the Northeastern District.

The arrest was made when the policeman saw the boys loaded down with 30 cartons of cigarettes, ten candy bars, three boxes of chewing gum and one pound of butter.

The two boys admitted breaking into the store and gave information which led to the arrest of the other suspects.

Raiders team tops two rivals

The Raiders A. C. took the measure of two softball rivals in three days during the week, romping to a 22-7 win over Northwest Police Boys Club on Monday and then came back Wednesday to down the New Era Yanks, 10-6.

Both games were played at Clifton Park.

The Raider youngsters pounded out 31 hits in the win over PBC and fatened the Yank pitching for 17 safeties.

Don't forget to vote in June 28 primaries.

Matron asks divorce, says man cheated

Mrs. Rachel Roberts, 1609 W. North Ave., is seeking a divorce from her husband, Ollie Roberts, 2763 Winchester St., on grounds of adultery.

Mrs. Roberts filed the suit this week in the Circuit Court. In the petition she said that they were married Aug. 8, 1952. They have no children.

Also seeking a divorce from her husband is Mrs. Dorothy Jackson, 613 Appleton St.

Mrs. Jackson charged that her husband, James Jackson, 2411 Stockton St., deserted her after their marriage, Sept. 12, 1942. She is also asking custody of their infant daughter.

Judge E. Paul Mason, this week granted a divorce to Mrs. Frances Evans, 42, 2727 Harlem Ave., who charged that her husband, Joshua Evans, 39, 1426 W. Lanvale St., deserted her June 20, 1952.

The couple were married Nov. 2, 1946. They have no children.

Seek suspect, 30, who escaped in dope raid

Police are seeking a suspect, who escaped from members of the Narcotics Squad on Thursday by jumping from a third floor window.

He is described as Charles Gamble, 30, and is believed either to be wounded or injured.

Gamble escaped while Narcotics Squad agents were conducting a raid on what is described as "a large dope outlet" in the 800 block of W. Franklin St.

Arrested in the raid were Clayton Cuff, 25, of the 1900 block of Pennsylvania Ave., and Miss Betty Palmer, 23, of the 400 block, N. Stricker St.

RECEIVES MA. DEGREE

CHARLESTON S.C.—William R. Rouse, 456 Morrison St., Mt. Pleasant, received the master of science degree in education with a minor in biology at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg recently.

Black eye shown by wife in court

With dark glasses covering a dark bruise around her eye, Mrs. Thelma Sanders of the 500 block Wilson St., appeared in Northwestern police court on Wednesday to prosecute her husband of two months.

Mrs. Sanders charged that William Sanders, 28, "blacked" her eye "for no good reason." Sanders admitted that he struck his wife and was also unable to come up with a reason for the blow.

After learning the couple had been married only two months, Magistrate E. Everett Lane fined the husband $25 and costs and told him "the honeymoon should still be going on."

ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

CHARLESTON, S.C.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Smalls Sr., of 7 Court St., recently announced the marriage of their daughter, Isabelle Arthurene, to William C. Singleton, son of the late Dr. William C. Singleton and Mrs. Geneva P. Singleton.

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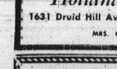

Accuse woman dope addict

A 50-year-old woman, who admitted she was a dope addict was released in $1,000 bail Wednesday, By Ernest Volkart, U.S. Commissioner, for selling drugs.

Scheduled to face the Federal grand jury in Washington, she is Miss Lavinia Hammond, who was arrested June 7, in Baltimore.

She was accused of selling $15 worth of heroin in Washington last March, to an undercover agent.

Miss Hammond denied the charge but admitted that she had been an addict for six years.

IN NEW OFFICE

The Department of Traffic Engineering is holding open house today (Friday) in its new office located at 413 St. Paul Place from 2 to 4 p.m.