400 workers attend Harry Cole rally

New State Senator pledges to represent all the people

Harry A. Cole, newly elected state senator from the Fourth District, told 400 supporters he had defeated Bernard Melnicove "honestly," and pledged to represent all the people in the District when he goes to Annapolis next month.

The statement was made at a victory celebration given in his honor Tuesday evening at the Moulin Rouge Ballroom, 529 Gold St.

In attendance were workers of the Cole campaign committee which represents voters of both parties.

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IN ADDITION, Mr. Cole told his cheering supporters: "I believe that my successful election is due to you and people like you. I hope I will always remember that it is not a personal success but a group success.

"If I get high and mighty and forget that, please call me down. I belong to you. I will do my best to represent all the people in the Fourth District.

Robert Watts, attorney, and a member of the Cole committee, presided and introduced the speakers, who included: Melvin Fine, chairman of the State Industrial Accident Commission; and Paul Chester, a teacher and a member of the committee.

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MR. WATTS said he felt it was significant that many persons who had never dabbled in politics before had worked hard for the election of Mr. Cole.

"Therein lies the success of his campaign," Mr. Watts said. "Men like Henry Parks, Eddie Watson, Ember Bawis and Dr. B. M. Rhetta Jr. worked and worked hard, irrespective of their politics, they were united in a cause."

Mr. Fine said: "I have never worked with a finer man than Mr. Cole. He has the respect of the people at the SIAC and they hold him in high regard. (Mr. Cole, an assistant attorney general appointed by Governor McKeldin, works with the industrial accident commission.)

Mr. Fine added: "Mr. Cole will represent us with dignity because he is a capable lawyer and a man of great ability."

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MR. CHESTER said he felt it was significant that the nonpartisan, coordinated political group supporting Mr. Cole would have a victory celebration on the birthday of Winston Churchill.

"Our continuing purpose," he added, "is to maintain a permanent, political organization in the Fourth District."

Entertainment at the rally was supplied by Teddy Bourne's Tip Toppers; Jimmy (apons) Allen; and Miss Lil Hall and Miss Carolyn Chambers, vocalists. Creston (Doc) Wingfield was em cee for the entertainers who gave their services free of charge.

Out in full force at the rally were Mrs. Victorine Adams and members of her Democratic Women's Club, who are staging a victory rally honoring Mr. Cole and other victorious city candidates on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Blue Room of the York Hotel.

WALLER FREED

William L. Waller, 37, of the 1800 block N. Caroline St., was dismissed on Tuesday in Northwestern Police Court on a charge of indecent exposure by Magistrate Vernon Wiessand. Police testified they saw him in an alley in the rear of the 1200 block of McCulloh St. at 4:15 p.m. Monday. Mr. Waller was represented by J. Howard Payne.



ACCIDENT SCENE—This damaged store front is the end result of a traffic accident on Saturday at Fulton Ave. and Pressman St., in which three persons were shaken up. Police said the automobile of Aron J. Brown, 55, of the 1900 block Cecil Ave., was moving west on Pressman St., when it was struck by the auto of Malaski Butler, 37, of the 1100 block W. Fayette St., which was traveling south on Fulton. fic accident on Saturday at Fulton Ave.

Leaders urge builder to keep housing plans for Hopkins area

Ask private contractor not to substitute playground for homes

The East Baltimore Broadway Redevelopment Area near Johns Hopkins Hospital needs adequate housing rather than a recreation area and shopping center.

For this reason, civic leaders who met with representatives of the Redevelopment Commission and the Urban League Housing Committee on Thursday strongly recommended that the contractor not eliminate the housing units from his plans.

Some 955 colored families were displaced by the demolition of the slum-clearance project area bounded by Monument, Central Ave., Broadway and Orleans St. in the vicinity of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

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THE ORIGINAL rebuilding plan called for 178 garden type apartments for colored tenants adjacent to Dunbar High School; 150 elevator units and 358 garden type units for white families in the hospital area.

While the plans for the white housing developments are still in effect, Henry J. Knott, the builder and his advisor, James Rouse, have proposed substituting the Dunbar playground, a new school building and a shopping center for the colored housing units.

At the meeting Thursday, the civic group rejected this idea, recommending to the builder that the original plan providing the housing be followed.

SCHOOL AUTHORITIES favor the new plan to the extent of abandoning School No. 102 at more County in 1954 is lower than for the corresponding period of 1953.

Baltimore Federation of Neighborhood and Civic Association; the Rev. Mr. Smith;

William S. Taylor, coordinator, Eastside Community Committee; Miss Cushing Niles, of the Citizens Planning and Housing Committee; Arthur McVoy, executive director, City Planning Commission and Mr. Newlan of the office of the director of school facilities.

Jefferson and Bond Sts. and constructing a new building at Central Ave. and Monument St.

The question was raised as to whether construction of a new school at this site would be in line with the policy of pupil integration, inasmuch as this location would assure an entirely colored enrollment.

One alternate suggestion made at the meeting is to build the school and the playground area, but also include elevator apartments in the section between Caroline and Bond Sts.

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EMPHASIZING THE great need for housing, the Urban League and NAACP point out that the new building proposal continues the dangerous trend in redevelopment of displacing colored families without providing new homes for them within their rental or home-buying price range.

The Rev. M. Smith, pastor of St. Phillips Lutheran Church, 512 N. Eden St., is disturbed because the new construction plans do not include any church facilities.

St. Phillips Church has been sold and the project would also require removal of the old established First Baptist Church.

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ATTENDING THE meeting were:

Dr. Furman Templeton, executive director of the Urban League; Warren Buckler, chairman of the Housing Committee; and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell of the NAACP;

Clark S. Hobbs, chairman; and Robert Larrabee, executive director, Redevelopment Commission; Howard H. Murphy of the

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The Defense Department has announced a new policy with respect to providing a certificate in lieu of lost discharge.

Defense Secretary Wilson issued a directive which provides that on and after Feb. 1, 1955, veterans must pay a fee of $1.50 for certificates in lieu of lost discharges, plus an hourly fee of $2 for each hour spent in searching the records.

Charges will be made for certain other information and documentation, including a fee of 50 cents to validate a document with seal, or 25 cents without seal.

Veterans who have lost their discharge, and who will be in need of a certificate in the future, should apply for it before Feb. 1, 1955.

Applications for duplicate discharge are available at the Maryland Veterans' Commission, 8 South St., Baltimore; County Service Building, Cumberland; City Hall, Hagerstown; Winchester Hall, Frederick; 4700 Norwood Dr., Chevy Chase; Arcade Theatre Building, Crisfield; Gunby Building, Salisbury; Court House, Elkton; Court House, Leonardtown; High St., Cambridge; and 26 W. Dover St., Easton.

DECLINE IN POLIO

No new cases of paralytic poliomyelitis were reported during the week ended Nov. 26. The number of cases of poliomyelitis thus far reported in Balti-

'S-D Day' December 15

Maryland's drivers and pedestrians have been asked to join a state-wide effort to remain completely free of traffic accidents on "S-D Day" — "Safe Driving Day"—Wednesday, Dec. 15.

The appeal was made by Col. Elmer F. Munshower, director, State Police. He said:

"Last year Maryland lost 524 of its citizens in traffic accidents. About 79 per cent occurred on our rural highways. I therefore urge motorists to exercise particular caution on the open road.

"Our observance of S-D Day is part of a nationwide effort to focus attention on the seriousness of the traffic accident problem. It merits the full support of all of us."

Trusting housewife deceived by friend

A housewife who sent a friend to the market with a $10 bill 37 days ago marked an old account paid in full Tuesday in Northeastern District Court.

Last Oct. 24, Mrs. Flossie Williams, of the 800 block N. Central Avenue, sent William O. James Jr., of the 1800 block E. Chase St., to the store after pork chops. That was the last she saw of her money.

After trying for 37 unsuccessful days to collect the $10, she took out a warrant Monday for the arrest of Mr. James.

Booked into the station house on a larceny charge, he entered a plea of not guilty and was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Asked to explain why he never repaid the money James commented: "I just never got around to it."

Applications ready for new car tags

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Thomas B. Hall has advised owners of motor vehicles that the department is ready to prepare the applications for new license plates.

He urges that you notify the department immediately if the address on your registration card or driving license is not correct because you have moved or for any other reason.

Send a post card with your name and new address. A temporary license will then be mailed, which may be used 20 days from date of issuance while forwarding your present license and registration card to the department for correction.

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'I Might Get 20 Years...'—Bathroom Slayer

Pastor 'Knows' Killer

BATHROOM 'I might get 20 yrs.,' says Tyson

- Witness tells of statement in cell block
- Tyson pleads not guilty at hearing today



ARTISTS conception of how Lucien Tyson, accused bathroom slayer, stood outside of jail predicting, "I'll probably get 20 years."

Following his arrest in the death of Mrs. Mildred G. Nicholson, her suitor, Lucien M. (Lou) Tyson, reportedly predicted:

"I might get 20 years."

The statement was allegedly made by Tyson in the cell block at Central police station, less than 36 hours after police forced their way into the darkened bathroom at the teacher's home, 1912 Ruxton Ave., and found Tyson standing near her battered body on the morning of November 7.

Tyson, who has been charged with the death of the pretty and frail 43-year-old kindergarten teacher, faced a hearing this afternoon (Friday) in Central police court, at which time he was expected to be held for action of the grand jury.

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THE HANDSOME TYSON is reported to have made his "20 years" statement on the afternoon of Nov. 8, during a conversation in the Central cell block corridor with a man who was in the house at the time that Mrs. Nicholson was being beaten to death, and who summoned police to the scene.

This man, a tenant at the Ruxton Ave. home, was taken into custody at the time of Tyson's arrest and later held as a state's witness.

TYSON AND THE witness were first taken to the Northwestern police station where they remained until noon on November 8, the day after the slaying, when both were taken down to the Central police station and placed in cells.

According to the witness, Tyson was given permission to make a telephone call and he phoned the Ruxton Ave. home where he spoke to James Harris, the dead woman's first husband.

As Tyson was returning to his cell, the witness said he paused to talk to him (the witness) and made the alleged statement dealing with the "20 years."

Since his arrest on the morning of the teacher's death, Tyson, 37, has been quoted as saying that he is unable to remember any details of her slaying. Even several days after his arrest, Tyson was reported as refusing to believe that he bore any responsibility for her death.

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IN TEARS, 'IDEAL WIFE' FREED

Whole courtroom cries when she takes stand to describe September shooting; Judge bends his head to hide his emotion

BY SHIRLEY KYLE

Shrieks of joy came from relatives and friends who crowded in Judge Michael J. Manley's Criminal Courtroom, Tuesday afternoon, to hear a jury free Mrs. Frances F. Creeke in the fatal shooting of her husband.

Tears streamed down the spectators' faces and there was general pandemonium as friends of both races rushed forward to embrace Mrs. Creeke. Judge Manley had to rap for order.

The two-day trial of Mrs. Creeke had been marked by many tears. In fact, while she was on the stand, there was not a dry eye in the courtroom as she sobbed and cried, "I didn't mean to shoot my husband, I loved him."

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EVEN JUDGE Manley kept his eyes lowered as she said over and over again, "I meant no harm," her voice breaking and her sobs shaking her body.

Only the members of the jury, five men and seven women, remained solemn-faced.

The moment John Driver, jury foreman, announced the acquittal, Mrs. Creeke's blind sister - in - law, Mrs. Louise Backus, of Washington, wailed, "Oh, thank God! Thank God!"

Her outburst brought similar cries from other visitors who had felt the strain of the half-hour which the jury took to deliberate the case behind closed doors.

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THE EXCITED crowd followed Mrs. Creeke to the hallway and it took the matron's attorneys, David Markoff and Irwin Sussman, at least 10 minutes to get her out of the courthouse.

Mr. Markoff is Mrs. Creeke's former employer. She served as his housekeeper and cared for his two sons when they were young.

The case had attracted so many people to the hearing because it was known that the Creekes had been an ideal couple during their six years of marriage.

Both had been married before. Prior to their wedding in 1948, Mr. Creeke had served as a guard for the government in Washington. An earlier story erred in stating he was a policeman in the capital city.

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MR. AND MRS. Creeke who had no children, had lived happily at 2226 Division St. and were buying the house, witnesses said. But none could explain why Mr. Creeke should threaten his wife's life the night of the shooting.

Even Mrs. Creeke couldn't provide an answer. Dressed in black sweater and skirt, the grief - stricken widow, fingered a silver religious medal which hung from a chain around her neck, as she spoke.

Her direct testimony in answer to Mr.Markoff's questions was as follows:

Q—"How did you and your husband get along?"

A—**"We got along fine. We had a number of spats but it**

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NOT GUILTY—Mrs. Frances Creeke shows the strain she had been under during the two day trial in which a jury of five men and seven women freed her in the Sept. 12th fatal shooting of her husband Thomas. Here she is shown leaving the courthouse with her attorney and former employer, David Markoff.—AFRO Staff photo by Otha Mackay.

Death linked to alcoholism

Victim found in police cell

"Acute alcoholism" has been listed as the cause of the death of Clifford White, 29, of the 700 block Roundview Rd., on Tuesday afternoon in a cell at Southwestern police station.

The diagnosis was made public on Thursday by the Medical Examiner's office which reported that an autopsy had been performed on White which showed that the man had died of natural causes.

Funeral services for Mr. White will be held on Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the Williams Funeral Home, 322 N. Schroeder St. Burial will be in National Cemetery.

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MR. WHITE, who served in both World War Two and the Korean conflict, had been unemployed since he left Perry

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High school youth gets 60 days for assaulting boy

Regarded by his teachers a "problem child," George Primus, 16, of the 500 block of Wilson St., was sentenced to 60 days in jail on Tuesday for assaulting a smaller boy in a shakedown attempt involving 15 cents.

The assault took place in a corridor at the Booker T. Washington Junior High School, Lafayette Ave. and McCulloh Sts., when Primus and two other pupils from nearby General Vocational School No. 452 approached Winston Byrd Jr., 12, of the 2100 block of Longwood St.

The youths first asked the 7A high school pupil for a nickle, and when he said he only had 15 cents for carfare, they demanded this. Byrd refused and was struck in the face. The youths then fled from the building.

BYRD, who suffered cuts of the face and lost three teeth in the affray, reported the incident to school officials, who remembered Primus as a former pupil and traced him to the vocational school at Biddle and McCulloh Sts.

Later the same day, Primus appeared in Northwestern police court where Magistrate E. Everett Lane convicted him of

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Physician's attempt to finance $50,000 Ashburton house meets 'silent act'

Wealthy residents in the Ashburton section of Northwest Baltimore have banded together to keep a prominent physician and his wife from purchasing property in the neighborhood valued at more than $50,000.

These residents have called on their most potent weapon—their wealth—in a final export to maintain restrictive neighborhoods, although the Supreme Court outlawed them six years ago.

Unlike those middle-class residents who used the "violent treatment" to protest when colored families just moved into heretofore "restricted" neighborhoods back in the early 40's, they are employing the "silent treatment."

They have very quietly, passed the word around among banks, building and loan associations

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HOTEL Sheraton Belvedere open to all

- Va. physician treated with all courtesy
- Other hotels deny change in policy

Dr. Stanley Grannum was a guest at the Sheraton-Belvedere Hotel at Charles and Chase Sts. this week.

He is a Fellow in the College of Hospital Administrators and was attending the four-day sessions of the college at Johns Hopkins University. He is director of Whittaker Memorial Hospital in Newport News, Va.

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DR. GRANNUM said that he had been treated with the utmost courtesy by hotel personnel and had been "enjoying luxurious accommodations."

He attended the cocktail social gathering in the hotel social room with other members of the convention.

However he said, he did not have occasion to use the hotel dining room because he ate at the convention sessions on the Hopkins campus. He took breakfast in his room because he found it more convenient to do so.

He left the hotel and returned home on Friday.

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THE SHERATON chain has 19 hotels in 16 American cities. All welcome colored guests. It also maintains six hotels in five Canadian cities which are open to all guests. The home office is in Boston.

Albert S. Fox, manager of the Baltimore hotel is out of the city for the weekend, but his assistant, Harry Reynolds revealed that the Sheraton welcomes all guests without discrimination.

"The Sheraton corporation has

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Rev. Williams says he's certain of man

Claims wife was murdered by someone she knew well

"Deep in my heart I know who caused my wife to die, but so far, neither the police nor myself have enough proof."

This was the opinion expressed by the Rev. James R. Williams Thursday, just one week after his attractive wife, Mrs. Florence Williams, was found stabbed to death in the kitchen of their home at 1440 N. Eden St.

While rumors had spread throughout the community that a suspect had been taken into custody over the weekend, Northeastern police said they had released three persons.

In addition, they admitted that they have been stymied in their investigation and are "starting from scratch."

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IN THE BEGINNING, some credence was given to reports that a suspect had been arrested on Sunday. During funeral services for Mrs. Williams, her husband viewed her remains and was heard to say, "In my heart I know who did it."

A number of persons misunderstood the Rev. Mr. Williams, however, and later commented that he had said: "Don't worry honey, the guilty man has confessed."

Rev. Williams, who lost a leg in an accident over 20 years ago and walks with a limp, told the AFRO Thursday, "I leaned over and spoke to her soul."

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HE SAID ALSO that rumors that money had been loaned to someone from the church before his wife's death were not true.

"I know who it was I leaned to," he stated, "and he is a suspect in the case.

"The person I have in mind was at one time like a member of our family. He married a girl we raised and my wife and I did all we possibly could to help them out.

"Whenever they were burdened with some problem they brought it to us. We helped."

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IN TALKING about the man whom he believes is responsible for the slaying, Rev. Williams said: "I even took it upon myself to set the fellow up in business but he became careless.

"In my opinion he wanted to be a big man in the eyes of his friends."

Asked how he had reached his conclusion, he continued:

"I knew my wife's routine. I knew the time of day she performed certain duties around home. She would have never let someone in that she didn't know."

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THE 'SUSPECT,' Rev. Williams said, "knew we kept money in the house on the third floor. On two occasions I sent him up

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LITTLE WILLIE

- Bookkeeping saved him $694,449
- His figures on gambling losses taken

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — In two involved U.S. *Income Tax* Court cases, William (Little Willie) Adams, former Baltimore numbers operator, settled government claims of $739.649 for $45,000. He saved $694,449.

Both cases were settled out of we raised and my wife and I did court by agreement of counsel.

Mr. Adams said this week he was pleased with the outcome.

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THE GOVERNMENT'S claim was based upon various sums Mr. Adams had deducted as gambling losses on his 1947, '48, '49 and 1950 income tax returns.

Mr. Adams properly claimed that gambling losses are deductible under the Internal Revenue Code.

A spokesman for the Internal Revenue Service told NNPA Tuesday that gambling losses are deductible up to the extent of the gambling gain.

For an example, he said if a taxpayer had a gain of $100 from gambling and $150 in losses he could deduct $100 of his losses.

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FOR THE year 1947, Mr. Adams reported gross receipts from his numbers business as $272,041 and gambling losses of

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FLASH

Chopped-up body found!

The dismembered body of an unidentified mad about 32 years of age was found stuffed in a huge cardboard box in a first floor rear room of a house at 327 N. Pearl St., this morning (Friday).

The discovery was made by Officers Edmond Welsch and Walter Minor of Southwestern District, who were called to the scene by a handyman who said he had gone to the house to do some cleaning and was disturbed by the foul odor.

The first floor rear room of the house had been vacant for several weeks.

Police said the man's ears had been chopped off and the body was covered with ashes apparently to hide it. There was evidence that rats had been nibbling at the body and it is believed the man had been dead at least a week.

A man named Fred, who is known to have lived at the house disappeared about two weeks ago, police were told.

McKeldin at H.U.

Gov. Theodore McKeldin will be the 11 a.m. speaker at the Howard University religious services on Sunday, Dec. 12, in Andrew Rankin Chapel on the campus.

Mother of 9 ends 32-year marriage

The 32-year union of Robert Tutman Jr. and Mrs. Viola Tutman of 2122 Druid Hill Ave., ended, Monday, with a divorce and permanent alimony of $25 to the wife and mother of his nine children.

Charging her husband with desertion, Mrs. Tutman testified that in 1949 he moved to a separate room in the Druid Hill Ave. home. In 1954 he moved from the home, she said.

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TESTIFYING FOR her moth

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You can play Santa, help these families

Belong to a club or organization which is looking around for a worthy family to make happy at Christmas?

Do you have some money you would like to play Santa with? Here are some needy families who have appealed to the City Desk of the AFRO for help at Christmas.

CASE NO. 1 concerns a Northwest Baltimore family of six including four children—three girls and a boy. The eldest child is 6½ years old the youngest one year old.

A neighbor writes that the father has been out of a job since August and the mother is unable to work because of illness.

This family, which lives on North Mount St., needs food and clothing, according to their neighbor.

"Won't some of your readers help to make smiles in the children's hearts instead of tears in their eyes," the neigh-

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$25 a week for news TIPS

The person who was first to notify the AFRO about the sudden death of Mrs. Roberta Norris is $5 richer this week.

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