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Five men are being held by Southwestern district policemen in connection with the beating of a 13-year-old girl on Wednesday night.

The girl was taken to University Hospital where she was placed on the critical list. She is scheduled to be examined to determine if she was criminally assaulted.

Police arrested the men shortly after the girl was found unconscious in an alley in the 200 block Arlington Ave. Two of the men are 19, two are 17, and the fifth is 20 years old.

Until late Thursday police were still questioning the men but had not formally booked them.

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THE ANSWERS

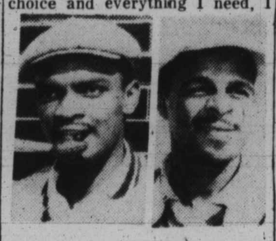
MRS. ROSIE JOHNSON, housewife, 2202 McCulloh St.: "Id rather live right here in the United States. I know this country. I was born in Virginia, but have been living in Maryland most of my life. I like it here

Mrs. Johnson — Miss Lassiter

in Baltimore. It's a nice place to make an honest living. I have seven children and my son died in Korea fighting to help us. I'll stay right here."

MISS MARGARET LASSITER Morgan student, 2324 W. North Ave.: "I'd rather live in the United States. As far as I know, it is the best place and offers the most opportunities in education and business. I'm studying economics at Morgan and I plan to be an accountant when I finish. I hope to be able to find work somewhere in the North, either New York or Chicago."

ROOSEVELT COLLINS, laborer, Sparrows Pt.: "If I had my choice and everything I need, I



R. Collins — R. Steadman

would like to live in California. The main reason is the weather is better out there and I like the night life. I was stationed out there while in service and several friends tried to get me to stay when I was discharged, but I have to be here with my mother and father."

RUTHERFORD STEADMAN, truck driver, 2872 Woodbrook: "I would like to live right here in Baltimore where I was born. I like this city and the people. I've been in the Army and have seen a lot of places such as Texas, Georgia, Kentucky and I've been in Germany and Korea. But I have found out that there is no place like home."

FLETCHER RUSSELL, cab driver, 3317 Paton Ave.: "I would rather be here in this country. While in the army I traveled all over Europe. I spent a lot of time in France, England, Czechoslovakia, and Germany while I was in the transportation corps. There are a lot of attractions in France, but Ameriea is the best place to live, I think."

F. Russell

Numbers Racket

- Backers give ten per cent to 'Mr. X'
- See drive on uptown bankers

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

A campaign of fear and intimidation directed by a well-known Baltimore gambler and night club owner, has succeeded in forcing downtown numbers bankers to turn over 10 per cent of their total business to a New York City vice lord, the AFRO has learned.

Actual collection of the money has been entrusted to the gambler, Mr. X, who is serving as the local representative of the New Yorker.

Flushed with easy success of the downtown campaign, Mr. X now plans to force uptown numbers bankers to come to the same terms as those accepted by the downtown gamblers.

If Mr. X succeeds in this plan, the Baltimore numbers racket will be completely dominated by New Yorkers, who will remain safely in the background raking in the profits, while local gamblers take all the chances connected with the racket.

RUMORS HAVE been freely circulating for several weeks that New Yorkers were planning to move in on the local lottery business, but the reports were denied by local policemen and men in the numbers business who dismissed them as the "products of someone's imagination."

Whether the denials were based on fear or lack of information is not certain—but this week the AFRO learned that the rumors are based on truth.

It was revealed, from a source in position to know, that a move to take over the local numbers business is in progress, and it had the backing of a powerful New York figure with plenty of money to spend and no reluctance about using violence to gain control of the rich prize represented by numbers in Baltimore.

After he has the numbers business safely under control, the New Yorker intends to branch out into other illegal activities and eventually to control the Baltimore underworld.

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RELIABLE REPORTS indicate that this plan is based on the belief that a certain candidate will be elected governor and that he will replace Col. Beverly Ober, the present commissioner of police, with a man already in the police department.

The appointment of this man, it was stated, would be the signal that the "town" is open and organized vice would move into Baltimore.

The New Yorker is believed to have chosen the lottery racket as his first goal, because local men are unorganized and have had little experience in facing naked violence, backed by the guns of hired hoodlums.

These factors made the lottery racket an obvious choice as the first target, and the New Yorkers appear to have made the right move and selected the right man in the person of Mr. X.

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WHILE THE NEW Yorker is masterminding the entire operation, it is Mr. X who is conducting the actual campaign in Baltimore.

Mr. X is well known to local police and was one of those questioned in connection with the 1952 slaying of Anthony Messina. The Messina murder was believed to be a gangland slaying and reportedly was linked to the Maffia, regarded as the "super" crime organization of the world.

Mr. X's principal lieutenants are said to be two local strong-arm men who are adept at using force and who are not reluctant about displaying their skill.

Mr. X's reason for taking the orders of a New Yorker is believed to be because of his desire to become the "Mr. Big" of the local scene, and his realization that the only way he can achieve that goal is to have a powerful national crime figure backing him.

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IN THE OPENING stage of his drive for power, Mr. X moved with such a lack of fanfare, that the job of subduing the downtown forces was over before it started.

Mr. X's plan of operation was simple. First he sent his strongarm men out to hold up individual numbers writers. His next move was to inform the backers that unless they knuckle under, the robberies would continue.

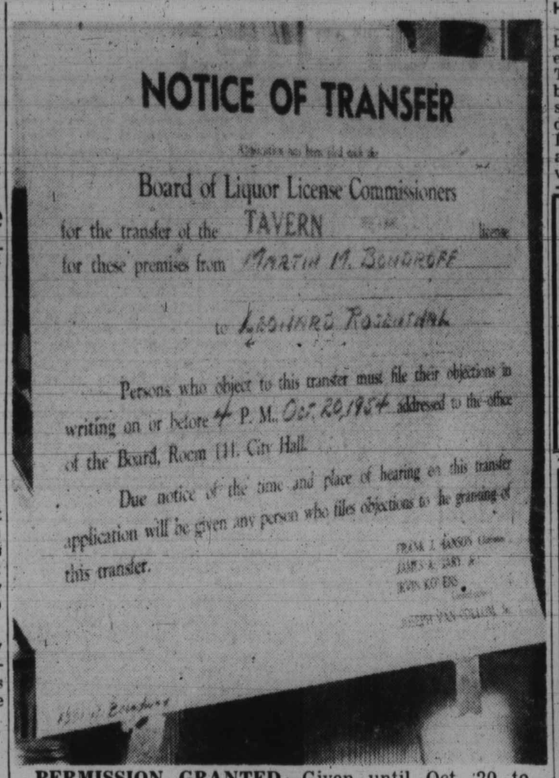
Unable to complain to police without admitting that they were in an illegal business, a number of the backers bowed to the demand at once.

Those that proved more stubborn found that Mr. X meant business when the writers and runners continued to show up minus the day's take and bearing scars of beatings inflicted by Mr. X's hirelings.

REALIZING THAT they could not ask for police protection and unwilling to start any violence on their own part, the stubborn backers surrendered to the demand and Mr. X got his 10 per cent.

Now that the downtown area belongs to him, Mr. X is said to be ready for a move on the uptown scene which he believes may prove more difficult to control.

However, he is willing to take that chance to control a business that takes in millions of dollars every year.



NOTICE OF TRANSFER

Board of Liquor License Commissioners

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Persons who object to this transfer must file their objections in writing on or before 4 P. M. Oct. 20, 1954 addressed to the office of the Board, Room 111, City Hall.

Due notice of the time and place of hearing on this transfer application will be given any person who files objections to the granting of this transfer.

PERMISSION GRANTED—Given until Oct. 20 to file complaints against the transfer of a beer and wine permit from Marty's Tavern at 1301 N. Broadway homeowners in the area offered no objections and the transfer was granted by the Liquor Board Monday. The notice of transfer was attached to the premises owned by Martin M. Bondroff. The transfer was to Leonard Rosenthal.

Chemical Center ups rank of local airman

ARMY CHEMICAL CENTER, Md. — A3/c George T. Jones, of 926 Carey St., has been promoted to airman second class. He is serving here as a propeller mechanic with the 6572d Chemical Test Squadron.

A World War II veteran of the Air Force, he reenlisted in October, 1953. His wife, Emily, resides with him in Baltimore.

HAS BIRTHDAY — Pvt. Kenneth Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore, 418 E. 24th St., celebrated his 22nd birthday, Oct. 10, somewhere in Korea.

HIT BY AUTO

James Matthew, 5, of the 500 block St. Mary's St., was treated at Provident Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, for minor bruises suffered when he was struck by an automobile at Biddle St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Driver of the car was identified as Mrs. Howard Frech of Pikesville.

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Employers are advised at this time by the District Director of Internal Revenue, L. A. Chamberlin, to file their third quarter Withholding and Social Security taxes Form 941 by October 31. The taxes are for July, August and September 1954.

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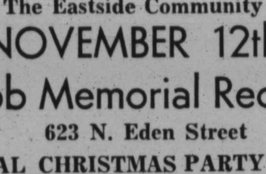

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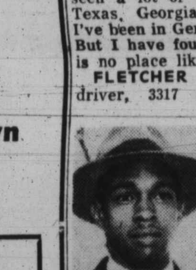

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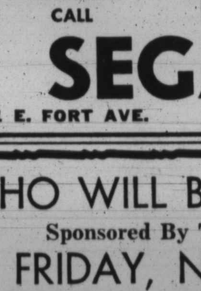

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