Turner Station calm before strike threat

Although the Saturday midnight strike deadline, which would pull 30,000 Baltimore men off their jobs at Bethlehem Steel's gigantic Sparrows Point plant was a little more than 48 hours away, little anxiety was shown Thursday in Turner Station.

Feeling in the Turner Station community, where more than 75 percent of the men are employed at the steel mill, is that a two-week extension of the strike deadline will be agreed upon and that the contract negotiations will be completed before the end of that time.

Nevertheless, plans went ahead on Thursday morning for banking of the mill's huge furnaces a three day job, in the event that the strike is called.

The last protracted strike at Bethlehem Steel occurred in 1952 when the plant was closed down for two months. In 1954 the men were out for two weeks.

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'CONGRATULATIONS, DOCTOR'—Dean William Stone of the School of Medicine of the University of Maryland presents degree to Dr. Ernest O. Brown, during recent graduation on the College Park campus.

87 boys sent to camp by Eastside Committee

A total of eighty-seven boys including counselors, spent the week at Camp Francis M. Wood as guests of the Eastside Community Committee recently.

The project, in its 12th consecutive year, is for the benefit of underprivileged boys.

Mrs. Cora White, Mrs. Edythe Jones and Miss Flossie Wilson served as cooks for the campers. Mr. Matthews was head waiter and dish washer; and William S. Taylor and Officer Walter S. Lewis were camp directors.

Forty-five of the 87 boys were away from home and parents for the first time.

TWO OF THE CAMP highlights were: A hike to Pretty Boy Dam, and the cooking of lunch in the woods by the counselors.

Sunday, June 24th was open house. A total of 200 parents, friends and children visited the camp and were served ham and cheese sandwiches, potato salad cookies and cold punch.

In sports, the best hikers from squad No. 7 was Gilbert Harris, counselor; best cabin, (large boys) squad No. 8, Wyne L. Reed, Jr. counselor; best boys, (small boys) squad No. 5, Willie Mitchell, counselor; deportment, (small boys) squad No. 4, Herman Chambers, counselor; (large boys) Tie between squad No. 7, Gilbert Harris, counselor; and squad—No. 9, Lawson Johnson, counselor.

Best swimmers were from squad No. 2, Edward Alves; Squad No. 3, Howard Saunders; Squad No. 5, Rayfield Donaldson; Squad No. 6, James Henry Smith; Squad No. 7, Irvin Bowser; Squad No. 8, Howard Watts; and from Squad No. 9, Lawrence McLaughlin.

Best horseshoe player from (small boys) squad No. 5, Rudolph; from Squad No. 3, Howard Saunders; and from Squad No. 5, Ronald Saunders.

Howard Saunders was the outstanding horseshoe player from Squad No. 3; and Milton Randolph from Squad No. 7.

Post Office closed for fourth of July

On Wednesday, July 4, the executive division, accounting division, main office windows, Office of the general superintendent of mails, claims division, general delivery, parcel post counter, information window, and all classified carrier and non-carrier stations and branches of the post office will be closed all day.

The registry window at the main office will be open for the sale of stamps, acceptance of special delivery, special handling, air mail, air parcel post and registration of mail at all hours.

First class mail can be dropped in the mail slot in the lobby at the main post office at all hours.

Lock boxes will also be accessible at all hours.

There will be no delivery of mail other than special delivery matter, and there will be a city-wide collection at 5 p.m.

Fireman breaks leg in fall

Injured in a fall from a training tower at the No. 36 Engine Co., at Edmondson Ave., and Bentalou St., John Murray, a rookie fireman was treated for a broken left leg at Mercy Hospital Wednesday.

The injured fireman, who is scheduled to graduate from the firefighting school the first week in August, is resting at his home, 2319 W. Mosher St.

Irate applicant who assaults welfare worker gets 3 years

"The sentence is three years in the Maryland House of Correction."

Judge Joseph L. Carter imposed this stiff sentence Monday on Fred Gainey, 56, 1000 block N. Carolina St., for the June 5 assault on Mrs. Constance Supik, an employee of the Department of Public Welfare.

This is how Mrs. Supik told police the assault took place:

"I was interviewing Mr. Gainey to tell him he was not eligible to receive public assistance, and he very suddenly picked me up out of my chair and slammed me against the wall.

"I got free and he grabbed my belt and said he was going to get a check or I wasn't going to move.

"I pulled my shattered dignity together and said, 'let me go,' and he did."

Officer Robert Prescott said the defendant has been convicted 111 times on various charges since 1935.

'He left me' testimony wins divorce for wife

"He came in without any money, and told me that he was going to leave. So he left."

Mrs. Lucille Whaley thus testified against her husband, Sherman, in a cross-bill suit that won a divorce for her, Friday.

Mr. Whaley had fired the first shot in the marital battle. He filed a bill charging his wife with adultery. This charge she flatly denied in testimony.

She told the Court:

"He came in and didn't bring any money. He told me that he was going to leave. Then he left."

The couple married on Aug. 26, 1951 and separated on May 15, 1953.

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ALSO WINNING a divorce was Mrs. Dolores March of 3421 Fields Court, who said that her husband, Edward, gave no reason for deserting her, that he just left.

She won custody of their three sons, and he signed an agreement to pay $21 per week for their support. Magistrate E. Everett Lane was attorney for the wife.

Mrs. Beatrice Anderson of 1516 E. Preston St. divorced James Anderson, making the following explanation as to why she left him:

"He came home, drinking and arguing," she said. "He slapped me and said he wasn't going to give me any more money.

"So I waited until he quieted down and I started packing up. I told him I couldn't stand it any longer, and I left.

Mrs. Anderson added that on several occasions before her husband had struck her.

The marriage, which took place on March 19, 1950, ended on July 25, 1954, she said. Their two children were placed in her custody.

Steps taken to curb purse-snatching in Northwestern section

"We have taken what we believe to be the necessary steps to curb the situation," Captain Millard B. Horton of Northwestern Police Court said Thursday.

He was referring to a recent series of purse snatchings, highlighted by an attack on an 85-year-old woman Tuesday. The captain said that several suspects are under investigation but no definite charges have been made.

Police Commissioner James Hepburn speaking briefly Wednesday morning in Northwestern Police Court asked for the cooperation of the citizens in the Northwest District in maintaining law and order.

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At Random

By JOSEPH SHEPHARD

"Walk together chillum,
Don't you get weary,
Walk together chillum,
Don't you get weary,
There's a great camp meeting,
In the promised land."

A long time ago people sang those words as they worked in the cotton fields to let one another know that there would be a gathering later, away from under the eyes and ears of the overseer.

They are singing them again in the Southland, and with their singing they are walking.

As a well-known radio commentator would have phrased it, "Ah, but they're walking tonight."

They're walking tonight, and today, and they will be walking tomorrow.

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INSTEAD OF diminishing in the face of coercive economic reprisals, their numbers are increasing, ever increasing.

In Montgomery it started, in Orangeburg it flared, where students not only walked, but stopped eating.

Then it spread to Tallahassee, and to Miami, where thousands of people left their footprints in the dust of the unpaved "sidewalks" of the "colored sections."

Long after the dust of their home neighborhoods had been beaten from their shoes against the pavements of homes where they worked as domestics, of garages where they washed cars and of churches where they worship on Sundays, they continued to walk.

And they're still walking.

Ask them why and they tell you that they are walking that they may ride as people instead of cattle.

Old feet and young feet, they're walking. Ask them why and they tell you that their dimes are just as good as anybody's.

Doctors' feet and janitors' feet, they walk. Ask them why and they tell you that they should have been walking long ago.

Preachers' feet and gamblers' feet, they walk—side by side—together.

"You can't get nowhere sitting down," says one, and they walk together.

Together—That's the important word. For many years there have been those who have walked alone, along their own individual paths of protest.

They got nowhere.

But today, and tonight, they are together, walking together, fighting a fight for freedom together with shoe leather for ammunition.

Threats, intimidation, loss of jobs, denial of credit, arrests, and still they walk, and their walk become a march.

"Stonyshe road we trod," says one of their songs. "Bitter the chastening rod," it continues, but they walk.

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A HOUSEWIFE walks across town to do her shopping. A congregation afoot assembles from all quarters of the city. A tired laborer slogs homeward at the end of a long and gruelling day. They began walking. They are now marching. And the echoing rhythm of their marching feet has set up a pounding which threatens to shake down the walls of southern prejudices, bigotry and oppression.

So they are singing now, and they are singing:

"Let us march on, 'til victory is won."

In their hearts, the free men and the freedom-loving men of the world march with them—for a man cannot be truly free until he wants freedom also for his fellowman.

HER CROWN JEWELS—Eight of Mrs. Earl Tate's 12 children surround her in this photograph taken at the Tate home, 2411 W. North Ave. They are, first row from left: Phillip, 7; Earline, 21; Michael, 6 (next to Mrs. Tate); and Constance, 23; in the back row: George, 15; Thomas, 16; Melvin, 11, and Gordon, 10. Not shown are Kenneth, 17; Anthony, 14; Ronald, 20, and Earl Jr., 19.

'It's what you do with what you have,' says mother of 12

By GARFIELD HINTON

"No matter how many it is, when one is gone, you always know it. When those older boys went into service, I really missed them."

Mrs. Mabel Tate, the proud mother of ten sons and two daughters was speaking Wednesday in her comfortable home at 2411 W. North Ave.

Mrs. Tate has a right to be proud. Her second oldest daughter, Erline Beatrice, 22, just graduated from Coppin State Teachers' College and will teach at Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School No 122 in the fall.

The Tate children range in ages from six-year-old Mickey, a first grader at School No. 142, to 'big sis,' Miss Constance Mae Tate, 23, known as 'Connie' to her family and friends.

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CONNIE, Coppin graduate, class of '54, teaches second grades at William Alexander School No. 112. The older Tate boys Ronald F., 20, and Earl, Jr., 19, are in service.

It's the Navy for Ronald, stationed at Norfolk, Va., where he is a Seaman 1st class and the Air Force for Earl Jr., stationed at Amarillo, Texas, where he is an Airman 2nd class.

Kenneth, 17, a former mechanics student at Briscoe Vocational High School, has already enlisted for the Navy. Thomas and George, 16 and 15 respectively, are students at Douglass High School.

George, 15, is interested in commercial art. Mrs. Tate pointed to a color drawing of Christ he had skillfully done and said:

"I'd like to see him do something with his art. I'd like for him to finish school." Both George and his 14-year-old brother, Anthony, "pony" for his friends, are AFRO carriers. Tony is a freshman at Carver Vocational High School.

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MRS. TATE, who was busy ironing white curtains when the AFRO reporter called, looked up from her ironing momentarily and said:

"We feel that since we are such a large family, they should try early in life to support themselves."

Mrs. Tate said she does not believe in forcing the children to attend any special church.

"Ronald is Catholic, Connie is Episcopalian. The other children attend the Christian Memorial Church at Payson St. and North Ave.; It's, the closest church in this neighborhood."

OTHER TATE children are 11-year-old Melvin, who just graduated from School 142 and Gordon, 10; and Phillip, 7, still pupils there. It adds up to 12, as even dozen.

Mrs. Tate does not agree that it's cheaper that way, especially at meal time.

"I do quite a bit of baking. I usually make rolls and biscuits for dinner, but buy bread for lunch, the housekeeper, extraordinary, said good-naturedly.

She smiled as she continued ironing and talking: "We use about 24 loaves of bread a week and eight dozen eggs.

"When you open up a box of eggs in the morning, that box is thrown away. There are none left."

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GLANCING at her spotlessly clean house, Mrs. Tate gave at least part of her formula: "Each child has certain household chores to do. Then they what they have to do and they don't dare go outside until it's done."

Rearing a family of 12 Mrs. Tate pointed out: "It hasn't been too easy, but I'm not going to complain. I hope I'll be able to see three or four of the boys go to college

"I hope they will be as smart as their sisters. They don't have to go to college, of course. I tell the boys it's what you do with what you have."

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EARL TATE, husband, father, and head of the house works at Schreiber's Market at Lexington and Eutaw Sts.

"He's a maintenance man there," Mrs. Tate said with understandable pride.

"He does electrical work, refrigeration. He builds cases for the meat, does just about every-thing, you can imagine."

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HER CURTAINS all nicely ironed and folded, Mrs. Tate paused briefly before continuing her household chores.

"Did you know that there are three shades of green in the ceiling?" she asked, referring to the beautifully painted and decorated front room ceiling.

A green and white ceiling offset the coral walls of the front room done in oil paint. Each of the other rooms was a different color and no less striking.

"I love to paint," Mrs. Tate said with a note of jubilance in her voice. "My husband and I do our own painting and decorating. It's cheaper that way."

'40 more years without working'

"I lived 40 years working, now I'm going to see if I can live 40 more without working."

With these words today (Friday), William Joseph Barber, 66, 1835 W. North Ave., took permanent leave from a job he has held since June 29, 1916.

Officially, Mr. Barber is now retired as a moulder at the American Brake Shoe Co., but there's still a lot of living ahead for him.

"Right now I'm just going to lie around the home and enjoy doing nothing, and maybe I'll fish a little," he said.

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AS FAR AS THE fishing department is concerned, Mr. Barber is going to make sure that it is done from dry land.

"I don't like the water, so I'll fish from shore," he said.

In 40 years on the same job in the same place, a man picks up a lot of memories, and Mr. Barber has his share in abundance.

One of the clearest dates back to World War One.

"We made a load of brake shoes for the Italians and the boat was on its way overseas when it was sunk."

He shook his head and smiled.

"You know those shoes are at the bottom of the ocean right now."

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THERE ARE A lot of days in 40 years, (14,600 to be exact), but the time hasn't destroyed Mr. Barber's ability to produce, according to the plant superintendent, William H. Holtz.

"He can still work a lot better than a lot of the young fellows," said Mr. Holtz, as Mr. Barber added:

"Well I do my job."

Mr. Barber's job is as a member of a three man team that molds the brake shoes from iron.

The company manufactures brake shoes used by railroads. The shoes themselves, vary in size, depending upon the type of train on which they are to be used, but basically they are curved pieces of metal, which perform the same function for trains which smaller shoes perform for passenger automobiles.

Mr. Barber is married to Mrs. Maggie Barber, and they have a son now 43 years old. Mr. Barber is also a member of St. Peter Claver's Church and a colonel in the Knights of St. John.

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IN KEEPING WITH the tradition surrounding retirement ceremonies, the company presented Mr. Barber with a watch and two shares of company stock.

On his 40 years of work at the same place, Mr. Barber sums it up in these words:

"I put all my eggs in one basket."

And on retirement itself, this is what he has to say:

"I've waited for this day a long time, now I'm going to enjoy it."

HE WAITED FOR THIS—After 40 years on the same job at the American Break Shoe Co., William Joseph Barber, 66, 1835 W. North Ave., retired today (Friday), and his immediate plans call for plenty of rest. Shown making him a presentation from the company is William H. Holtz, superintendent, who says Mr. Barber is still capable of outworking men half his age.

Social security reports lagging

Some employers of domestic help in this area have not filed social security tax reports as required by law, according to William M. Donlin, district manager of the Downtown Baltimore Social Security office.

Mr. Donlin stated that one of the reasons given by employers of household help for not making a social security report of earnings is that the worker has refused to furnish a social security number or objects to having the tax withheld from the wages.

A few employers have said that the reason taxes were not withheld and reports made was because the employee would quit and go elsewhere to work.

Mr. Donlin pointed out that any employer who pays a household worker as much as $50 in cash wages in a calendar quarter is required to make a report of such earnings for social security purposes.

Lack of consent of the worker or the worker's failure to furnish a social security account number does not release the employer from his obligation to make a report of the earnings and pay the tax.

For further information see your social security representative or ask the social security office for the pamphlet "Do You Have A Maid?"

Marsha has her new eye, thanks to AFRO readers

"She never mentions the eye except when some of the other children talk about it. When I take it out to clean it, she says 'Mommy, that's a pretty eye.'"

Mrs. Vernon Smith smiled proudly on Wednesday as her four-year-old daughter, Marsha, ran down the steps of their home at 1419 Ward St., to join a group of her young playmates.

Marsha plays happily now and her mother smiles, but just one year ago there weren't any smiles in the Smith household.

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ONE YEAR ago, Marsha was playing a game of jacks when a rock was thrown and struck her in the eye. Her eye had to be removed, and when her story was published in the AFRO, readers responded by sending $149 to the family to buy the plastic eye.

"We got the eye for Marsha and we still have $69 in her bank account. When I have to take her back to the doctor I use some of the money, but it is all there for Marsha and her eye," said Mrs. Smith.

Marsha's Father, Vernon Smith, a longshoreman, has this to say of his daughter:

"She never complained once."

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IN ADDITION to Marsha, the Smiths have five other children, Gilbert, 8, now in the sixth grade; Charles, 5, now in the first grade; Vera, 5; Roslyn, 3, and Vernon Jr., 1 and a half. The Smith attend Wayman AME Church.

When Marsha grows a bit older, her mother plans to teach her how to remove the eye to cleanse it herself, but right now Mrs. Smith does that task.

"We never talk about it, and we treat her just like the other children. We think that is the best way," said the mother.

So now one year later, with Marsha adjusted to her eye and doing the things that a 4-year-old usually does, there is happiness in the Smith household and this message from Mrs. Smith to the people who helped Marsha have her new eye.

"Thank you."

THEN—Last year when this picture was taken Marsha Smith, 1419 Ward St., had just lost an eye after being struck by a rock thrown while she was playing a game of jacks. Touched by her story, AFRO readers contributed $149 to help buy a plastic eye for the youngster.

NOW—This is Marsha today with her new eye. She is four-years-old, and what happened to her last year is only a memory. She accepts her new eye without question and plays just as any other young lady her age.

HE BITES SOMETIMES.—Richard Chandler's groundhog bit him on the index finger on Saturday, but the 16-year-old West Virginian is still determined that "Bobby" will be trained to be a pet. Richard is spending the summer with his aunt at 1625 Thomas Ave. The ground hog was given to him by his father.

Boy meets ground hog with 'biting' manners

The Encyclopedia Britannica describes a ground hog under its proper name of woodchuck as a "North American rodent," but to Richard Chandler, 16, 1625 Thomas Ave., his ground hog is a pet—even if his temper is rather short.

On Saturday, Richard showed up at Provident Hospital with a bleeding finger where his pet ground hog, "Bobby" had taken a nip. The finger wasn't too badly damaged, and neither was Richard's determination.

"I'm going to make him a pet," he told a reporter who visited the Thomas St. home on Wednesday.

"Why?" the reporter wanted to know.

"Just because I want to make him a pet."

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AT THE TIME this seemed like a pretty good reason so the subject was dropped as Richard went to the basement and returned a few moments later with "Bobby," the ground hog, safely carried in a cardboard box.

Bobby's appearance attracted a number of the neighborhood children and one of them suggested to Richard:

"Pick him up." The "him" referred to Bobby who was either asleep or was else bored by the whole matter. He just lay there in the box.

"You know he ain't going to pick up that ground hog," came the answer from one of the small fry.

"Are you or aren't you," asked the reporter, who couldn't find anything interesting in a ground hog, especially one that wouldn't even move.

"I'm not," said Richard, and that settled that.

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SINCE YOU can't very well take a picture of a ground hog with the ground hog in a box, an impasse appeared to be developing until some bright person suggested that the box be taken indoors and Bobby allowed to climb out.

"That way he can't run, and if he does you can catch him," came the suggestion.

This suited Richard, who took the box into the living room and placed it on the sofa. After a few moments, Bobby, with his underlying gray body, cautiously stuck his nose out of the box which had been turned on its side.

"What happened when he bit you?" asked the reporter.

With a look at his pet to make sure that he wasn't getting with to striking, or should it be biting distance, Richard said:

"I was petting him and some child screamed and he up and bit me. That's all."

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BY THE TIME Richard finished telling his little tale, Bobby was all the way out of the box. After swallowing a couple of times, Richard agreed to move close to the ground hog and a picture was taken.

Gently prodding Bobby in the ribs with a pencil, a long pencil, Richard got him back in the box.

Richard usually lives in Bluefield, W. Va., where he is in the 11th grade. He came to Baltimore at the end of school to spend a vacation with his aunt, Mrs. Izatte Yarborough.

Asked how he came upon a pet, which he admits is a rather strange pet, Richard said:

"My daddy and his boss were out riding by the Liberty Dam and the boss' car hit the ground hog. It must have stunned him and they picked him up and brought him home."

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THE GROUND HOG is about nine or ten inches in length, and Richard estimates he is about three or four weeks old.

Richard feeds the animal meat, potatoes and corn, and the animal eats it all, according to Richard.

"Are you actually going to try to train that ground hog," asked the reporter as a parting question.

"I'm going to make him a pet," said Richard, and since this point had been covered before, the reporter said good-bye to Richard and Bobby, with Richard holding the box some distance from his body, and Bobby back in the box asleep again—or was it just bored?

Coming Events

JULY 1
Youth Day at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 23rd and Guilford.

JULY 4
Memorial Day fireworks display at Memorial Stadium, begins 6:30 p.m.

JULY 11
"Coral Wonderland" shown at the weekly free movie for boys and girls at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Mulberry St. near Cathedral. Time is 2 p.m.

JULY 14-AUGUST 3
Science Workshop at Morgan State College.

JULY 18
"All and the Baby Camel" and "Life in the Desert" are the two films to be shown at 2 p.m. at Enoch Pratt Free Library, Mulberry and Cathedral Sts., 2 p.m.