Hungry Child Refused Food At B And A

Pickets to walk again Saturday

A second all-out picketing demonstration at key points around a Gwynns Falls Park way shopping center has been called for 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

The demonstration is aimed at the discriminatory policy of the White Coffee Pot restaurant, the only facility in the center which refuses to serve everybody.

Spearheaded by the United Citizens Groups for Human Relations, the pickets were compelled by the shopping center management to restrict their protest to the outside of the center.

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PREVIOUSLY, the demonstrations had been held directly in front of the White Coffee Pot itself.

The shopping center management three weeks ago posted signs at all of the entrances, declaring that pickets and solicitors would be subject to protesting group explained.

It is not a violation of any law to conduct a demonstration on the sidewalks surrounding of the group.

The vote followed a progress report by Dr. A. J. Walker, chairman of the fraternity's Human Relations Committee and co-chairman of the United Citizens Groups for Human Relations, which is spear-heading the campaign.

Malicious rumors which have been spread by telephone over the community were spiked by three speakers, all of whom have been active in the protest campaign.

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IN ADDITION to Dr. Walker, questions were answered by Brothers McQuay Kiah, Morgan Dean and Cliff W. Mackay, AFRO editor.

It was explained that the rumors were apparently the work of a former member, who had become disgruntled when the organization declined to accept a proposal that had been offered.

The motion to give the protesting group a retained vote of confidence was offered by Brother Howard Murphy, controller, AFRO AMERICAN Newspapers, and was passed without a dissent.

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FRANK ELLIS, chapter president, announced with regret that after holding membership for over 20 years, Brother Thomas Hawkins, former president, was resigning because of his transfer to another city.

Brother Hiram Butler, a classmate of Brother Hawkins at Morgan in 1909 speaking for the chapter, expressed the chapter's sorrow at his departure and wished him "good-bye."

Three new Alpha representatives were appointed to Baltimore Pan Hellenic Council. They were Brothers Liston George, Irving Greene and Edgar B. Covert, who will serve with Brothers Frederick Dedmond and Bruce Edeny.

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BROTHER Covert will also serve as Alpha's representative on the YMCA's World Service Committee.

A substantial payment toward the chapter's life membership in the NAACP was forwarded to the local chapter. The first payment was made last October.

Brother Joe Bracey, chairman of the social committee, Brother Dr. e.k. Cribb, aided by Brother R. Clark, had been completed of the guest list for the annual spring formal May 3.

Bids will soon be in the mail, it was announced. Brothers, who were unable to attend Monday's meeting, and have not secured bids have been advised to call Mr. Davis at CUBITIS 7-0600 or reach him at 2700 Cherry Hill Rd.—C.W.M.

Housewife suffers third degree burns over most of body

A 29 - year - old expectant mother, Mrs. Sannie Smith, 1902 Bradshaw Ave., suffered third degree burns over 70 per cent of her body surface early Wdnesday morning.

Taken initially to Lutheran Hospital, Mrs. Smith was later removed to Johns Hopkins Hospital where on Thursday her condition was listed as critical.

Hospital spokesmen were pessimistic over chance of the child's survival.

Police said that Mrs. Smith was burned in her home at approximately 9 a.m. when a house coat which she was wearing was set afire and enveloped her in flames.

They reported that Mrs. Smith was passing by an ignited container of canned heat when the flame set her garment ablaze.

Damage to the Braddish St. home was listed as minor.

Alphas vote support of Coffee Pot fight

Full support and confidence to members of the group protesting discrimination at the White Coffee Pot restaurants was unanimously voted Monday night by 74 members of Delta Lambda chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

REV. JOHN TILLEY
He heads vote registration drive

100,000 vote drive now on

The city-wide campaign to get 100,000 registered voters opened this week with a door-to-door block-by-block canvas under the direction of the Rev. John A. Tilley, pastor of New Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Ward and precinct volunteer leaders accompanied by from three to six workers, rang door bells, talked with residents, informed them of plans urged them to register.

They revealed that a NAACP receptionist is stationed at the Supervisor of Elections office, People's Court Building, at Fayette and Gay Sts., each day during the campaign.

The receptionist directs persons wishing to register and will give full information and answer all questions, members of the canvass committee said.

Also, it was announced that car pools are stationed at churches throughout the city to transport those wishing to vote to the registration office free of charge.

PRIOR TO the opening of the drive on Wednesday, a meeting was held on Tuesday at the Sharp Street Church Community House.

It was attended by an enthusiastic group of more than 50 civic leaders and ministers.

Plans were made for canvassing of each church to arrange for registration of all members.

State Senator Harry Cole (R-4th) offered the services of the 4th District Bi-Partisan Political Organization in the drive.

Senator Cole also announced that his organization will provide financial assistance.

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THE VOTE registration movement is supported by ministers of all denominations. Besides the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Tilley, other officers are:

The Rev. Herman Baron, pastor of Mt. Pisgah CME Church, secretary; the Rev. Marcus G. Wood, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, treasurer, and the Rev. W. W. Payne, pastor of the Wayland Baptist Church, is director of the ministers division

Mrs. Juanita Jewell, attorney, is director of the drive.

THESE MEMBERS of the interracial United Citizens Group For Better Human Relations continued their protest to the discrimination policies of the White Coffee Pot by picketing outside the Shopping Center. They were denied permission to picket within the shopping center.

Randolph Fortune guilty of numbers; faces 2 to 5 years

Randolph Fortune, 56-year-old sportsman, was convicted Wednesday of possessing numbers slips under the Maryland second offender law which fixes prison terms at from two to five yars.

Judge James K. Cullen withheld imposing sentence when Maurice Seigel and Ellis Levin, defense attorneys, said they would file a new trial motion.

Mr. Fortune, 1903 Gwynns Falls Pkwy., was nabbed by members of the Rackets Division on March 7 after parking his automobile in the 200 block Arlington Ave.

Det. Sgt. Anthony Bova testified that he discovered three non-conventional lottery slips under the front seat of Mr. Fortune's car. The slips contained 213 numbers with $64.05 in play.

Officer George Barry told the court that he searched the defendant but found no lottery paraphernalia on him.

However, the officer said Mr. Fortune had $360 in a shirt pocket.

The defendant, wearing a brown suit, did not take the witness stand, and no other defense testimony was offered

Norman Hochberg, assistant State's attorney, failed to get into evidence testimony concerning the background information leading up to the issuance of the warrant against Mr. Fortune.

Defense lawyers conceded that the arrest of the defendant was legal, but objected when the prosecutor attempted to go into the background as to why the warrant was issued.

Sgt. Bova testified that he and his men trailed Mr. Fortune for several blocks, and moved in to make the arrest when he hailed his car on Arlington.

"We pulled up in front of him to prevent him from running away," the sergeant said.

On direct examination of Sgt. Bova, Mr. Hochberg, holding up one of the numbers slips, said, "I call your attention to these letters, X-J, X-22 and X-[illegible] do you know what they indicate?"

"Those symbols indicate (pickup) stations," replied the sergeant.

When asked to explain what the figures 432-30 written on a slip meant, Sgt. Bova said, "That indicates that 30 cent was played on 432."

On crossexamination by Mr. Seigel, Sgt. Bova said when Mr. Fortune was apprehended he denied all knowledge of the digit slips.

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"IF HE were a pickup man wouldn't he have change in his pocket?" Mr. Seigel wanted to know.

The sergeant answered that that was the usual procedure.

However, on re-direct examination by the prosecutor, Sgt. Bova related that in some cases one pickup man collects the money while another picks up the numbers slips.

According to Mr. Hochberg, the defendant was convicted in 1945 and 1947 for numbers violations.

Morgan prof. wins divorce; wife gets court order, 2 children

Eugene Stanley, acting head of the department of education at Morgan State College, has been granted a divorce from Mrs. Marselle G. Stanley, and the wife ordered to consult a psychiatrist.

The unusual order, handed down by Judge Reuben Oppenheimer in Circuit Court No. 2, also gave the custody of their sons, 5 years and 11 months old, respectively, to the mother.

Mr. Stanley, who is to provide $45 every two weeks for the children's support, is specifically authorized to have the older of his sons with him for a period of eight hours each week.

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IN HIS petition for divorce, the Morgan College Professor asked for custody of the children.

He charged that they "are not receiving proper care and treatment due to the inability and unfitness of the defendant (Mrs. Stanley) to care for them."

He further charged that "for sometime the defendant has subjected him to repeated acts and conduct such as to endanger his health and self respect and amounting to excessively vicious conduct."

He said they have not lived together as man and wife since May, 1956 and that she abandoned him on Sept. 24, 1956 "without cause." He told the court there was no hope of a reconciliation.

CHIEF DIFFICULTY between the parties, as expressed by the husband, was that she incurred heavy indebtedness in his name, many purchases without his consent.

Mr. Stanley listed debts of $1,006 at women's wear stores of the city. He had debts amounting to $2,408.15 for other items, including loans of $624.55 and $286.74 made in an effort, he said, to meet the obligations.

Pointing out that his salary was about $341 per month, he said "Such success as I have in meeting the bills is due to juggling the payments by receiving checks twice a month, and through the aid of personal loans from friends every now and then."

Their home at 3221 Gwynns Falls Parkway, he said, is subject to a large mortgage on which he is paying $92 per month.

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S. J. QUINNEY, father of Mrs. Stanley, in asking that his daughter be given custody of the children, said that he and Mrs. Quinney would "help her as we have done for the seven years of their marriage.

He added:

"Mrs. Stanley has letters and checks showing that over $1,700 was loaned as down payment on the house, and to take care of other expenses aside from cash gifts that we have made to help them establish a home."

He said that $950 is still owed on the $1,700 loan.

Judge Oppenheimer ordered that Mr. Stanley be given exclusive management and control of the property in order to rent, lease or sublet in order to obtain some income from it.

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THE JUDGE'S order concerning Mrs. Stanley is that Mrs. Stanley be examined and her condition evaluated and reported to this court by a competent and qualified psychiatrist;

That she receive or report for such treatment as may be prescribed by a psychiatrist under direction of the Juvenile Division of Circuit Court."

The Stanleys were married in Little Rock, Ark., on Dec. 21, 1949.

Mrs. Stanley, a former teacher, is now a Social Security worker.

Mr. Stanley is a former dean of Savannah State College before joining the Morgan faculty in 1950.

Clean-up safely

Governor McKeldin has proclaimed the week of April 13th as clean up time in Maryland.

Through their activities toward cleaning up, Maryland residents also will be helping to promote safety for themselves and their families.

The Accident Prevention Unit of the Maryland State Department of Health recommends caution during these activities.

Would have served child but not adults, says owner

"I didn't know about it... If it had been called to my attention, I would have had the child served...we will do so in any such case where there is a young child needing milk or food."

George Pappas, proprietor of the restaurant in the Baltimore and Annapolis bus station, Howard and Lombard Sts., was commenting on a recent protest of a New Yorker, whose ill child was denied service at this restaurant because of his race.

However, Mr. Pappas added that the B. and A. restaurant policy which denies service to colored adult passengers is still in force.

John R. Anderson, of 206 Hancock St., Brooklyn, N.Y., lodged this latest protest in the restaurant's policy, in a letter to the AFRO. The letter read, in part:

"A bus in which we were traveling made its stop at a terminal point at 100 S. Howard St. in Baltimore. While waiting for the resumption of its course our baby hungered,

"ENTERING INTO the terminal cafe, I ordered a bowl of soup from the woman attendant, incidentally, white. The hesitation of this attendant to serve as respond to the order aroused the suspicion of my wife, who repeated the request for the bowl of soup.

"In answer to the attendant very reluctantly and embarrassingly said, she would have to 'wrap up,' indicating that our child could not eat the soup in the shop.

"The child in the meantime, registered pitiful appeals for the satisfaction of its hunger, so I resorted to candy which I obtained at a nearby candy store.

Evidently insufficient and improper at this point of hunger, the result was a sick stomach for our baby. It was simply appaling."

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MR. PAPPAS, in answer to previous protests about the discriminatory policy of his restaurant, told the AFRO:

"We are a backward people in Baltimore...If you eat in here, then I go out of business. We lose customers."

He has contedded that his restaurant is a private concession and as such is not subject to the interstate and intrastate transportation laws, which outlaw racial discrimination.

The B. and A., formerly the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Company, operates some 45 buses daily between Baltimore, Annapolis, Glen Burnie and Fort Meade.

All of its approximately 60 drivers are white, but the line has no discrimination otherwise.

The company rents the terminal from the owners, listed as Harry A. Pappas and Sons.

Kindergarten pupil 4, traffic fatality

"I had just gone next door to ask Mrs. Agnes Young to get something for dinner for me when she went to the store, when a child came running and hollering and told me what had happened. I went right over."

Mrs. Addie Hicks, 52, 1523 McCulloh St. stopped, unable to continue, as she tried to speak of the Wednesday afternoon traffic death of her 4-year-old son, Willie.

Willie was pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital at 3:50 p.m. The child was struck by a car as he attempted to cross McMechen St. near Mathon Ave.

Hattie B. Mishoe, 43, 1700 block N. Bond St., driver of the car, has been charged with manslaughter and reckless driving. A traffic court hearing has been set for May 21 at 7 p.m.

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"HE WAS just as sweet as he could be. If he saw me a thousand times a day, he would holler a thousand times a day," sadly smiled Mrs. Young, as she attempted to comfort the heart broken mother.

Regaining her composure, Mrs. Hicks explained that against her orders, her two older boys were going to a nearby grocery store, and her two youngest boys were following them.

He was running and this woman hit him," Mrs. Hicks said with a trace of helplessness in her voice. Mrs. Hicks said that prior to the fatal accident her family's clothing.

The child attended Sunday School at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, a few doors from his home on McCulloh St. He was a kindergarten pupil at the Henry Winter Davis Elementary School No. 123.

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"THE ACCIDENT has just about set me crazy," Mrs. Hicks lamented.

"He wanted to be a doctor," Josephine Marie Hicks, little Willie's 12-year-old sister bemoaned.

Funeral arrangements for the child were not complete at press time. A funeral dictor in the 900 block of Druid Hill Ave. is, however, in charge of the arrangements.

IN ADDITION to his mother, Mrs. Hicks, Willis is survived by his father, William, a mechanic; four brothers, Thomas, 8, William Alfred, 7, Terry Lee, 4, and a 16-year-old brother, Fred, who lives in Tallahassee, Fla., with his grandmother.

Other survivors are three sisters, Brenda Ann, 6; Victoria Denise, 3, and 12-year-old Josephine Marie.

Three other boys injured in traffic accidents, are: 6-year-old Robert Hunter, of the 800 block N. Bentalou St.; Daniel G. Jackson, also 6, of the 900 block N. Duncan St., and James Tate, 3, of the 400 block N. Mount St.

10 years for 'trash can' death

"I consider it a high degree of manslaughter."

With this declaration Tuesday Judge John Tucker imposed an indeterminate term of not more than ten years in the Women's Reformatory on a young woman who pleaded guilty to an Avenue knife slaying.

She was Miss Deborah Johnson, 21, 1400 block Myrtle Ave., convicted of the Feb. 5 stabbing of Julius Salter, 30, 1326 Pennsylvania Ave., slain following a dispute over a trash can.

Mrs. Rochella Newby, 21-year-old stepdaughter of Mr. Salter, was freed of a murder charge against her when Julius Romano, prosecutor, told the court the State would not press the charge.

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THE TWO young women were arrested shortly after Mr. Salter had been stabbed in a bar-in-the 1300 block Pennsylvania.

In a statement to police Miss Johnson admitted stabbing the man after he and Mrs. Newby had had words over the trash can.

Robert A. Brown, defense attorney, in asking leniency for the Bronx, N.Y., born defendant, pointed out to the court that Miss Johnson was epileptic and needed periodic treatment.

In January, 1955, according to Mr. Romano, the young woman, who has lived in Baltimore three years, was given a six-month probation term in connection with a cutting.

400 in P.O. face job loss

Today (Friday) is expected to determine whether an estimated 400 postal employees will lose their jobs and whether there will be cuts in postal service.

Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield has already announced that approximately $47 million budget demands are met, drastic slashes will be made in his department.

In Baltimore, Acting Postmaster Wm. Donnelly said that that some 400 employees, mostly temporary, face a job loss, out of a total staff of 3,500.

He said that it was too early to predict whether any permanent employees will be affected.

Motorist charged in death of tot, 9

Ross Benjamin, 26, of the 800 block W. Fayette St., was charged with manslaughter Monday in connection with an accident at Fremont Ave., and Warner St., which claimed the life of a nine-year-old girl.

Mr. Benjamin was released under $5,000 bond in Central Police Court pending a hearing to be set by the State's Attorney's office.

Police identified him as the driver of the car which struck and killed Marie Watts, 9, of 428 Hamburg St., last Sunday night.

In the accident, the child's sister, Miss Anne Ruth Watts, 18, sustained head, shoulder and ankle, injuries when she was knocked to the ground.

Dr Johnson to highlight NAACP meet

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University and nationally known orator, will be the principal speaker, this coming day, April 14, as the Baltimore branch of the NAACP holds its annual "Citizenship Rights Day."

The meeting will be held at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Eliniw Sts., at 3 p.m., and will be open to the public with no admission charge.

There will be a special presentation of a Life Membership Plaque to the Women's Auxiliary of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity by Mrs. P. D. C. Pennington, chairman of the life membership committee.

Members of the Howard Alumni Association and the fraternity's auxiliary have been invited as special guests.

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THE MEETING will also serve as the formal kickoff meeting for the city-wide drive for 100,000 registered voters.

Music will be furnished by the Senior Choir No. 2 of Wayland Baptist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Florence Copeland; the Baltimore Chorale, directed by Gerald Burks Wilson, and solo selections by Miss Veronica S. Tyler, student at the Peabody Conservatory.

Ushers of Bethel AME and Union Baptist churches will serve under the supervision of Henry Gardner and John Wyche.

CLEAN-UP WEEK—Maryland Clean-up Week, sponsored by the Governor's Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful, opens Saturday and will run through the following Saturday, April 20.

Youths given 8 year terms in armed theft

"This case has given me quite a bit of concern...This crime was done in strictly amateur fashion. Certainly the manner in which this was done indicates that they were amateurs."

Solomon Baylor, attorney was arguing on behalf of two youths who pleaded guilty to armed robbery before Chief Judge Emory Niles Thursday morning.

The defendants were: Cherrin A. Boyer, 22, 900 block Madison Ave., who received eight years in the House of Correction, and James L. Coleman, 17, 700 block Pin Alley, given not more than eight years in the reformatory.

"You are both guilty of a crime that I think is inexcusable," said Judge Niles.

THE JURIST told the defendants he was prepared to impose ten year sentences but reduced them by two years because of the guilty plea.

Norman Polski, prosecutor, stated the young bandits, armed with a .32 caliber pistol, entered a store in the 1700 block Argyle Avenue, March 11, and robbed the owner of $25.

$100,000 suit filed by auto victim's kin

A $100,000 damage suit was filed in Superior Court Monday against a man accused of negligence in the death last November of a 56-year-old pedestrian, fatally injured while crossing Pennsylvania Ave. and Greenwillow St.

The suit was brought by Mrs. Estella Johnson, 3405 Holmes Ave., widow of Robert Johnson, and their two daughters, Miss Theresa Johnson and Mrs. Barbara Johnson Rich.

Named as defendant in the suit was Luther L. Curtis, 1206 Bayard St.

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THE PAPERS filed in court allege that Mr. Curtis failed to have his automobile under sufficient control and he was operating "at an excessive and unreasonable rate of speed"

According to the police, Mr. Johnson was crossing the street on Nov. 6 when he was hit by the car being driven south on Pennsylvania Ave.

Max R. Israelson and Manuel B. Lefko, are attorneys for the plaintiffs.

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EIGHT-YEAR-OLD VALERIE DENISE LEE IN LEFT PHOTO MET DEATH AT THE HANDS OF A SEX SLAYER WHILE EN ROUTE TO SCHOOL IN THE DEANWOOD SECTION NEAR WASHINGTON. COPS ARE STILL HUNTING HER KILLER OR KILLERS.

'Daddy Did It'

Son says he saw mother killed near Poe Homes

"I saw daddy shoot mama . . . I saw daddy kill her . . .

"He said mama was taking his life and children away because she was moving, so he shot her.

"Mama screamed and ran, outside. Daddy went after her and shot her again,

"I was afraid he was going to hurt me too."

These were the words that

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came from 11-year-old William Johnson as he told how his mother died Tuesday afternoon about 50 feet from their Poe Housing Project apartment, as neighbors looked on in helpless horror.

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POLICE FOUND Mrs. Beulah Johnson, 30, 904 W. Lexington St., dying on a blood-drenched curbstone in the 200 block N. Amity St. She had been shot through the mouth, head and heart.

A lookout has been issued for her husband, William McKinley Johnson, 31.

He is described by police as five feet, 10 inches tall, weight 170 pounds and "dangerous."

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RESIDENTS OF the area told police they heard shots in the direction of the Johnson home around 6:30 p.m. and then saw the screaming woman turn into Amity St. pursued by a man.

Taken from the street to University Hospital, Mrs. Johnson was pronounced dead on arrival.

Scene of the killing is less than 25 yards from the house where Edgar Allen Poe, the famous poet and writer of murder stories lived.

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ON WEDNESDAY, a day after the fatal shooting, the children of the dead woman, William and his two brothers and a sister, were preparing to move out of their Poe Home apartment No. 12.

They piled clothing and playthings into a toy wagon and then pulled the small vehicle four blocks to the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Theresa Griffin at 537 Schroeder St.

It was Mrs. Griffin who said that her daughter and Johnson had been married 13 years.

He was employed as a spot-

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MRS. BEULAH JOHNSON
Poe Homes mother of four slain

'He just never came to'

"He just never came to."

According to Southwestern District police, that's what they were told by witnesses Sunday after a 56-year-old construction worker died repeatedly from injuries sustained in a fist fight at Gilmor and Saratoga Sts.

Owen Anderson of the 500 block N. Mount St., died at Franklin Square Hospital without regaining consciousness.

In connection with his death, charges were filed against James T. Baker, 20, of the 200 block N. Gilmor St., in Homicide Court Monday.

Mr. Baker was ordered held without bail pending a hearing to be set by the State's Attorney's office.

Police said Baker admitted that he struck Mr. Anderson with his fist, during a dispute over a woman.

Witnesses said when Anderson fell, his head struck the ground and he was taken to the home of a friend in the 1700 block Cairo St., where his condition grew worse.

At Franklin Square doctors said Anderson bled to death.

Couple hurt in crash near Elkton, Md.

Injured when their car went into a skid at the intersection of U.S. Route 40 and State Highway 272 west of Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Schenck of 1906 N. Longwood St., were admitted to Union Memorial Hospital Sunday.

The Schenck's were enroute home from Philadelphia when their Buick Special was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Ella Jose Forres of Washington.

Mr. Schenck, an employee of a shopping center, suffered cuts about the face, head and throat.

His wife, Marion, underwent an operation on Thursday afternoon for fractures of the right shoulder, right thigh and right knee.

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CAP unit in Md. is lily-white

The Civil Air Patrol of Maryland is lily white.

Colored youngsters are denied membership in its cadet corps which has 50,000 enrolled.

Colored adults are not admitted to serve as pilots or in other areas which have 36,000 enrolled.

Lt. Col. Albert W. Ward, a volunteer civilian, who is executive secretary of the Maryland State Tax Commission, and who is the Deputy Commanding Officer of the CAP Maryland Wing, said:

"We are taking it under advisement.

"We haven't decided yet, but it is being considered."

Col. Ward added: "It is a voluntary organization and integration presents a great problem.

"When we are convinced that

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Hunt suspects at funeral for slain 8-year-old girl

By MARY STRATFORD

WASHINGTON

"The heat is on." It was a day of sorrow at the Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church, Thursday, as mourners were constantly reminded that a killer might have been in their midst.

Plainclothesmen by the dozens observed the crowd of approximately 250 persons who attended funeral services for little Valerie Denise Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee, criminally assaulted and slain by an unknown attacker, last week.

Even as the Rev. Everett A. Hewlett, pastor of the church, spoke of the community's love for the eight-year-old girl, detectives combed the audience for the man who had been Valerie's enemy.

Capt. Richard Felber of the police homicide squad told the AFRO late this week that there is no solution in sight to last week's brutal sex slaying of eight-year-old Valerie Denise Lee.

"As far as we are concerned, there has been no outstanding suspect arrested," he said.

He added, however, that "We are continuing the same round the clock investigation" and that well over 200 persons have been questioned in connection with the unsolved murder.

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THE NUMBER of policemen attending the services was not disclosed, although Lt. Lawrence Hartnett of the homicide squad, reluctantly admitted they were present.

Undercover men were spotted making calls at police boxes in the vicinity. Still others were detected signaling to uniformed police. Cruisers, from the homicide, sex and juvenile squad made up part of the funeral cortege of approximately 50 cars.

Funeral services began at 12:30 p.m. Valerie was buried at Arlington Memorial Cemetery. Police arrived at the tiny neighborhood church as early as 11 a.m.

Those who could not get inside the building numbered about 100.

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WOMEN STOOD outside with babies in their arms. Children sat on the lawn. Many looked involuntarily over the sloping hills toward the school where Valerie had been a second grade pupil, shaded their eyes to gaze at her home located in the neighborhood at 5013 Jay St., NE. he merely stared at the blooming dogwood and cherry blossom trees near the place where the child's body was found.

Why had they come to mourn Valerie?

Speaking of it brought tears to one woman's eyes. A desire for revenge on Valerie's killer was expressed more than once as the crowd stood in the serene sunshine. One woman said:

"I didn't know her, but I read about it in the AFRO," she wept.

"I want to see the man who did it hanging from that weeping willow. I want to see him boiled, not suddenly but slowly, so that his body could steam and burn and let him know what he did."

What were the effects of the killer's act?

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ACCORDING to the Rev. Mr. Hewlett, the crime "shocked and horrified the entire community by displaying man's cruelty and inhumanity to man."

"We pay tribute to Valerie," said the pastor. "She did not live long enough to harm any man.

"All that was hers of life was innocence and purity.

"Her's was a song of joy.

"We come here today to pay tribute to a happy little girl."

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BUT IF any good has come from the act of violence, then it has been the arousing of a sense of responsibility in the community, to see that it shall not happen again," the pastor declared.

"We should take positive, intelligent steps to see that it does not happen again."

Valerie's body was viewed at the Petworth Funeral Home from 3 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, by approximately 3,500 persons.

She was attired in her favorite colors of pink and black clothes which her mother purchased last Saturday following the child's death.

Scientists here, vote to boycott jim crow hotels

"We shall not meet where equal accommodations are not available to all of our members regardless of race, color, religion or creed."

This was the sense of the resolution which was quietly passed by a 95 to 87 vote by the members of the American Association of Anatomists in the closing minutes of the business session held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel Wednesday afternoon.

At least one effort was made from the floor to leave the matter of the convention sites to the executive committee.

However, it was ruled that while site selection is a proper function of the executive committee, the membership reserves the right to determine the conditions under which the committee shall select a convention city.

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SIMPLY STATED, the action taken at the opening session Wednesday would bar the Association from holding any future conventions at hotels that have jim-crow policies.

Ironically, the action was taken at the Lord Baltimore where colored delegates to the meeting were not in attendance because the hotel refuses to admit colored guests.

Morgan grad star killed in N.C. crash

GREENSBORO, N.C.—"I had sent him to the store to get a loaf of bread...the accident happened just three blocks from our home.

"A trailer truck hit him. His car was completely destroyed. He was killed instantly."

Mrs. Leola Rowell, 1405 E.

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'Fuzzy's lunchroom may close'

"Leroy has been here since 53. He used to keep it open 24 hours a day. It's a good business."

Miss Grace Smith, cousin to Leroy (Fuzzy) Smith, 36, owner of Smitty's Delicatessen, 2113 W. North Ave., and a waitress there, was speaking Wednesday.

Miss Smith said that she does not know whether or not the business will remain open since her cousin, "Fuzzy" Smith received a 60-day sentence and was fined $200 and costs for selling whiskey after hours, there on March 16.

He began his jail term on Monday.

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MISS SMITH is doubtful that the business will remain open, since "the gas and electricity have already been cut off."

Along with 'Fuzzy,' his uncle, John Smith, 48, 2400 block Westwood Ave., was also convicted on the whiskey charge, and was sentenced to 60 days in jail.

'Fuzzy' recently released from jail, was convicted in 1955 of voting irregularities, and sentenced to a year in the House of Correction.

Court upsets 241-year-old 'love baby' law; blonde freed

"This statute applies unjustly to the conduct which it prohibits, in that it penalizes one class of guilty persons solely on the grounds of race.

"In the opinion of the court the statute is unconstitutional and void, since it violates the principles of equal protection of the law under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

With these words on Tuesday Chief Judge Emory Niles struck down a 1715 Maryland 'love baby' law under which a 20-year-old blonde was indicted for bearing a child fathered by a colored man.

The ancient measure was declared invalidated in a four-page opinion in which Judge Niles grants a defense motion to dismiss the charge against the young white woman.

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JUDGE NILES' decision ended nearly a year of legal maneuvering to test the constitutionality of the Free State statute, whose origin has been traced back to 1699.

The jurist noted in his opinion that no one has been convicted under the law in 250 years.

Judge Niles' edict was filed after hearing argument several weeks ago on the validity of the statute.

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J. HAROLD GRADY, State's Attorney, and Joseph Koutz,

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Valerie was the sweetheart of the whole neighborhood

By RALPH MATTHEWS

WASHINGTON

"My aunt came in and looked at me with a sad expression on her face. She told me to sit down and I knew instinctively that she had some news about my little girl.

"I thought she was going to tell me that she had been hurt, that she was in an accident or something. We had been searching for her all night without success.

"Then she told me the horrible truth. My Valerie was dead. They had found her body beside the railroad tracks, a short distance from our home."

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THUS MRS. LEE, 5013 Jay St., NE, described how she received the first news of the rape-slaying of her eight-year-old daughter, Valerie, whose lifeless body was found in a clump of woods by school children en route to school, last Thursday morning.

Standing in abject silence, his face a study in woe and disbelief, was her 30-year-old husband, Ernest, apparently still unable to believe the horror of the tragedy which had struck his household.

On the faces of both of the parents was the unasked question for which no one had the answer—Why?

On the sofa in the first-floor apartment lay the book of jin-

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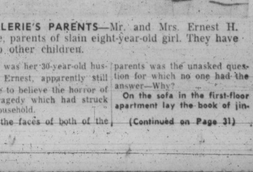

VALERIE'S PARENTS—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Lee, parents of slain eight-year-old girl. They have two other children.