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STATE LEGISLATORS REBUKE DELEGATION

Words fly at hearing

4th District lawmakers and citizens have lively discussion; 'you people' term brings charge of discourtesy; legislator says losers in Nov. 1958 election can't say 'forget it'; clergyman asks no revenge campaign; legislator says delegation is doing 'disservice'

By A Staff Correspondent

ANNAPOLIS — "We have rights bills, and we will introduce them at the proper time.

"We will not be pressured by anyone, individually or collectively, to introduce bills at a specific time.

"We here know the pulse of this General Assembly."

State Senator J. Alvin Jones, Fourth District, Baltimore, was speaking here Wednesday afternoon to a delegation of ministers and citizens, who had come from Baltimore seeking the introduction of a bill which would prohibit racial discrimination in places of public accommodations throughout Maryland.

Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, head of the NAACP's Legal Redress Committee, and the Rev. Oliver St. Clair Franklin, of the Citizens' Committee for Civil Rights, presented a prepared bill, which would make violators subject to a fine up to $500, imprisonment up to 30 days, or both.

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THE HEARING had been requested of the city delegation of General Assmbly members from Baltimore.

Present were Senator Jones, who served as chairman, and Delegates Irma G. Dixon, Verda F. Welcome, Sol J. Friedman, and Jerome Robinson, all of the Fourth District.

The Rev. Mr. Franklin, as first speaker, said, in part:

"Since 23 states have passed civil rights legislation, as ministers of the Gospel, we have come to ask that someone introduce such a bill."

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THIS EXCHANGE of questions and answers, then launched a sometimes heated discussion that continued almost two hours:

SENATOR JONES — "What makes this committee feel that it was necessary to come to 4th District, to introduce a bill of this kind?"

THE REV. FRANKLIN — "We felt you are the proper ones to approach."

SENATOR JONES — "Have you taken in consideration our platforms, our campaign pledges?

"We feel you are underestimating our abilities, and not giving us a chance to present our own bills".

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MRS. MITCHELL — "This is nothing new. we have been after our legislators for years to take the initiative, especially our colored legislators. We have been working on this since January."

MRS. DIXON — "I have not been contacted, prior to a letter I got last week."

SENATOR JONES — "When I feel that a meeting on civil rights is necessary, I will call such a meeting.

"I clearly told Rev. (Marcus G.) Wood that the Coalition Ticket has done more to harm colored people, than anything else in the State of Maryland."

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IT WAS at this point that Senator Jones delivered the statement in which he said he will introduce his own civil rights bills.

Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Welcome then asked the delegation to have confidence in them, and reminded them that they were new law-makers, just getting into the swing of things.

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DR. LILLIE M. JACKSON, NAACP president, arose to reminded the legislators of the interest of her organization in civil rights legislation, and Mr. Friedman interrupted with:

"I feel that you people have done a disservice —"

"You are discourteous," Mrs. Mitchell interrupted, taking offense at the "you people."

Mr. Friedman said he had great respect for Mrs. Jackson and what she represented, and that they had been on the losing side (supporters of Coalition Ticket) in the Fourth District's past election campaign.

"You can't play politics one week," he said, "and come down here the next week and say, 'forget about it.' "

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THE REV. Harrison J. Bryant stated:

"We don't want you here in Annapolis to conduct a revenge campaign, for your time will have been wasted before anything can be accomplished."

Mr. Robinson took the floor to accuse the delegation of doing a "disservice" to themselves, by bringing the church into politics, of trying to create disunity in the Fourth District delegation, and then said the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers discriminated against him.

So it went. Finally, Senator Jones stated:

"If any credit is received from passing any civil rights legislation, we Democrats in this legislature are going to get this credit."

READY FOR ANNAPOLIS — These are members of a delegation that went to Annapolis this week to urge introduction of civil rights legislation. Seated, left to right: the Rev. W. N. Stokes, pastor, New Hope Baptist Church; the Rev. V. T. Key, Orchard St. Methodist Church; Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, vice-president local NAACP; Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president. Standing, left to right: the Rev. O. St. Clair Franklin, Mt. Zion Methodist; Bowen Jackson, exscutive secretary NAACP; the Rev. W. M. Brown, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church; Thomas H. Smith, the Rev. Spencer G. Dobson, St. Mark's Institutional Baptist Church; the Rev. Samuel Beard, Hemingway Temple AME; the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, Bethel AME.

Morgan students

Morgan State College has its biggest second semester enrollment in history with 1,941 day and 194 evening students for a total of 2,135.

No House opposition seen in Barrett-Montrose merger

ANNAPOLIS — The proposed merger of the Barrett and Montrose Schools for Girls on a non-discriminatory racial basis was a step closer to reality this week.

Strong indications of this was evidenced here Tuesday, when the House of Delegates accepted without question a favorable report from its Judiciary Committee on House Bill No. 145, which would remove racial restrictions from the charter of the Montrose School.

The bill provides that the word "white" be stricken from this charter, relating to admission of girls.

Third reading and highly probably House passage of this bill is likely to reach the House floor either today (Friday) or early next week.

Four brief amendments of the Judiciary Committee, presented by Ridgely P. Melvin, chairman, corrected misspelled words and loose wording, without affecting the bill in substance.

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ON TUESDAY of last week, a public hearing was held on the bill, at which time the Judiciary Committee members were told the Barrett School had to be abandoned, due to necessary expansion plans of a runway at Friendship Airport to handle jet aircraft.

This occasion was the last public appearance of the late W. Emerson Brown Sr., as chairman of the board at Barrett.

Mr. Brown and other officials of the two schools, along with State Department of Public Welfare board members and Col. John O. Coleman, director of Aviation for Baltimore, urged passage of the bill.

The Barrett board has long advocated the merger —but strongly insisted that such consolidation be on a non-discriminatory racial basis.

Howard H. Murphy, Department of Public Welfare board member, has been in the forefront in advocating the merger under this condition.

The House's Judiciary Committee vote to return the bill to the floor with a favorable report came last Friday, on a 14 to 7 count.

Death of man on bridge mystifying

How did a 70-year-old Fullerman who was addicted to hiding large sums of money about his clothing die?

Was James E. Jenkins murdered for his money, or did he really fall 13 feet to his death York Rd., in Towson?

Following an extensive investigation in which almost a dozen persons were questioned, Baltimore County police revealed on Thursday that they had marked the case closed.

One officer stated "although we have spent a lot of time and effort on this case, we have nothing to prove that it was murder."

Relatives of the deceased man say they are far from satisfied.

When one member of the Jenkins family was asked why she believed there was murder involved, she answered, "There are lots of reasons."

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THE BODY OF Mr. Jenkins, who according to friends enjoyed taking walks along the abandoned Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad Tracks known as the "Ma and Pa Line" was found beneath the bridge at York Rd. and Susquehanna Ave., around 5:10 p.m. Feb. 10.

Mr. Jenkins was admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital where he died on Tuesday.

His death was attributed to multiple fractures of the skull and a spinal injury.

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A PART OF a post mortem stated that similiar injuries could have been caused by "a lead pipe wrapped in a sock."

The cross ties on the track, through which Mr. Jenkins fell or was pushed were three feet apart.

Immediately following the incident, county police said they were asked by Mrs. Thelma Smith of the 200 block Presbury St., daughter of the deceased man to investigate the possibility of foul play.

One of the reasons given for the investigation was that a number of people were aware that Mr. Jenkins carried from $50 to $100 in his clothing and th hand of his hat.

The investigation further turned up the fact that when ever the deceased had a "very large" amount of money, he would visit friends in Towson and would treat them to drinks, police said.

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MRS. SMITH TOLD the AFRO that in view of the fact that police have completed their investigation, she would not discuss her father's death further.

Mrs. Smith added however, "There are too many rumors I can't prove."

Funeral services for Mr. Jenkins, a retired laborer, have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at a McCullah St., funeral home.

It was announced that the family would be in mourning at the home of Mrs. Lillian Davage at 2311 W. Lanvale St. Mrs. Davage is a sister of the deceased.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Romaine H. Grimes of Washington; and four sisters, Mrs. Davage, Mrs. Marie Hansum of Philadelphia, Mrs. Violet Smith and Mrs. Eva Pinn.

Mr. Jenkins is also survived by four brothers. They are Charles Vernon, Milton, William and Clinton Jenkins.

Hepbron inquiry set for March 6 by House group

ANNAPOLIS — Date of the opening of the public hearing investigating the administration of Baltimore's Police Commissioner James H. Hepbron has been set for next Friday, March 6.

Delegate Marvis Mandel, Fifth District, Baltimore, chairman of the City delegation in charge of the inquiry, said Wednesday preliminary planning had allowed the establishment of this date.

The hearing had previously been set for Trursday of last week, but the screening of persons to testify at the inquiry required more time than anticipated, it was replied.

Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, Fourth District House of Delegates member, is on this House screening committee.

The inquiry is to be held in the chamber of the General Assembly.

Charges of improper administration of Baltimore's police department were levied against Commissioner Hepbron by Jerome Robinson, House of Delegates member from the city's Fourth District.

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ANOTHER REASON advanced for the delay of hearing until after the March primary, according to Mr. Mandel, was to prevent the matter from becoming a political issue.

Political observers have noted that Mr. Robinson is a close ally of James H. (Jack) Pollack, Fourth District Democratic boss, who in turn is friendly with Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr.

J. Harold Grady, state's attorney, who is Mayor D'Alesandro's most formidable opponent for the Democratic mayoralty nomination, conducted an investigation of the police department, and noted no malfeasance in office on the part of the commissioner.

Justice victor in Lafayette bowling

James Justice blazed the trial with a torrid 686, in the Annual Mens Singles Handicap Tournament at the Lafayette Bowling Center.

This is a five-game total pins plus handicap event. Running neck and neck for second and third position were Walter Carter with a 667 and Aaron Stewart with a 666.

Y workers agree: integration slow

How do the men who work in the program of the YMCA of Baltimore rate its progress toward integration?

The answer, in the words of members of the Druid Hill Avenue Branch's board of managers, is "unsatisfactory."

Not one of the board members reached by the AFRO expressed himself as satisfied with the YMCA's progress in achieving integration.

They were asked their opinion after an AFRO survey last week revealed that the YMCA's two most important branches other than Druid Hill, still do not accept colored members.

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FIVE OF the 10 branches have colored members. The others who do not have them say it is because none have applied for membership.

In 1955 the Metropolitan board adopted a resolution embodying a declaration of the National Council which requested all member associations "earnestly to work toward the elimination of segregation and other forms of discrimination."

It also urged branch managers and boards to move as rapidly as practicable to an all - inclusive membership in keeping with the christian purpose of the YMCA.

Among progressive measures are the announced opening of the YMCA camps to all, all new branches are opened on an integrated basis, the YMCA schools are integrated, the coffee shop at the Central Y is open to all and Central has agreed to take colored in its dormitory.

Turner Station and Druid Hill branches, formerly all - colored, and most of the other branches, have declared an open policy.

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FOLLOWING ARE typical expressions from Druid Hill Avenue officials on the progress during the past 3½ years;

Robert Watts — "It has moved far too slowly. The YMCA should be in the vanguard on integration. I think they have failed to meet the challenge.

"They have taken some in the Central dormitory and we have use of the coffee shop but I am thinking more along the line of bringing boys together in comradeship and in all phases of the Y program."

Dr. Robert J. Hill — "I am one of those who feel the YMCA as a Christian organization should be in the forefront in the matter of integration.

"I don't see any progress here in Baltimore."

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SAMUEL T. DANIELS — "I'm not satisfied with the progress that has been made. There has been some progress but it is not sufficient.

"I'm fully aware of the fact that there are a number of people in responsible positions in the Y family who have worked courageously in trying to bring about the progress which has been achieved and we are indebted to them for their efforts.

"I think the major obstacle to progress may rest with some of the staff members. I believe most of them agree the changes should be made but don't think the climate in Baltimore is ready.

"I believe the climate of opinion is highly favorable. I think the change could be made rather easily and in a pattern that would be acceptable."

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FRANK J. ELLIS — "I think the pattern in Baltimore is a drawback to progress. Unless you have dynamic leadership on the white side you just don't have progress in Baltimore.

"The school board had positive leadership on the integration question and its action was successful."

George L. Jude — "I won't be satisfied until the YMCA is completely integrated.

"There is no reason why this cannot be done immediately."

Augustus D. Knox — "As far as I know and have heard, they are making some progress.

"But we want integration now, we don't want it to take too long."

The YWCA in Baltimore has completely integrated its program.

During and since the time that Baltimore voted to move toward integration, branches in smaller cities in Pennsylvania and New Jersey have succeeded in making the change.

'White only' restaurant for state offices?

Will the White Coffee Pot restaurant, which does not allow sit-down service to all people, get a concession in the new State Office Building?

This is the question CORE (Committee on Racial Equality) on Wednesday asked James G. Rennie of the State Department of Budget and Procurement.

Mrs. Helen W. Brown, chairman of CORE, in a letter to Mr. Rennie, entered a protest not only against the White Coffee Pot getting a spot in the state building but also against any other restaurant which may practice discrimination.

She said she understands that the White Coffee Pot which refuses to relax its discrimination policy, has sent in a bid to the State Budget department.

She wrote: "Since the State Office Building is an arm of the state government, it should represent the best interests of all citizens of Maryland and should not insult any group by awarding the restaurant concession to a company that does not welcome all customers in all its outlets."

School lunch menu

Monday, March 2 — Junior submarine sandwich; oven browned potatoes; tomatoe juice; peach cobbler; half pint milk.

Tuesday, March 3 — Pork loaf and gravy; parsley buttered potatoes; buttered string beans; hot roll and butter; grapefruit sections; half pint milk.

Wednesday, March 4 — Grilled cheese sandwich or meat loaf sandwich with pickle; buttered green leafy vegetable; mashed potatoes; orange juice;

Thursday, March 5 — Special menu including pupils' favorite dish and a surprise dish.

Friday, March 6—Fish cake with tomatoe sauce; cole slaw with ½ sliced hard cooked egg; buttered peas; corn bread and graham crackers with peanut butter; half pint milk chocolate icing; half pint milk.

Record number to vote Tuesday

A record 103,503 colored voters are eligible to go to the polls on Tuesday, March 3, to help select the Democratic and Republican candidates for Mayor, president of the City Council, comptroller and 20 seats in the City Council.

Interest is focused on the Democratic Mayorality race which pits the incumbent Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro against J. Harold Grady, State's Attorney.

Mr. D'Alesandro is seeking his fouth term in office and has as his running mates, the incumbent Leon Abramson for president of the City Council and Joseph L. Manning as comptroller.

With Mr. Grady are the incumbent Dr. Walter Graham for comptroller, and State Sen. Philip H. Goodman for president of the City Council.

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THE MAYOR has been running on the strength of his record while Mr. Grady has leaned heavily on the theme that it's time for a change in City Hall.

As far as the Republicans are concerned, they have no real primary fight with former Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin an odds-on favorite to win the nomination for mayor, along with his running mates.

On the question of civil rights, Mr. McKeldin and Mr. Grady have made the strongest pronouncements to date with both supporting the passage of an equal accomodations law.

Such a bill was before the council in December, but it was killed by an 11 to 9 vote. Observors contended that had the Mayor supported the bill it was certain to pass.

The list of candidates seeking nomination to the City Council in the March 3 Primaries include 13 colored hopefuls. Eight of them are Democrats and five are Republicans.

The Democrats are Tucker R. Dearing of Second District, Paul J. Cockrell of the Third District; Walter T. Dixon, Truly Hatchett, William Roberts and Ernest D. Young of the Fourth District.

Also, William H. Murphy of the Sixth District.

The Republicans are Ex Senator Harry A. Cole, Howard D. Dixon, Joseph Drumwright, Raleigh Jones and William Randall of the Fourth District and Earl Koger of the Fifth District.

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FOUR OF THE Democrats—Walter Dixon, Truly Hatchett, Tucker R. Dearing and Ernest D. Young—and one Republican Harry A. Cole—have been indorsed in the Voters Guide put out by the United Christian Citizens.

The Original Women's Democratic Club of Cherry Hill has indorsed William H. Murphy for the City Council and Mayor D'Alesandro and his two running mates.

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Blood needed

Blood donors with B-RH positive blood are needed in order that an employee at Provident Hospital may receive a needed operation.

The employee is Charles Miller of the Emergency Section. Twenty pints of the blood are needed and prospective donors are asked to contact Mr. Miller at La.3-4005 or La. 3-8005.

NEWEST LIFE MEMBERS — Introduced as the newest life members of the NAACP at a recent meeting were the persons shown here, who are listed along with the group they represented. Left to right: Herman Handy of Macedonia Baptist Church; Mrs. Vernice Reynolds of Epsilon Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Mrs. Edith Allen, Morning Star Baptist Church; Warren Shaw, who purchased a membership for himself, and Dr. Charles Watts, chairman of the life membership committee.

COP ARRESTS AFRO PHOTOGRAPHER AT POLLS

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'I Was Framed'

Hepbron asks for full report

NAACP says arrest brings 'discredit to our police department

(EDITOR'S NOTE — The following story was written by AFRO photographer I. Henry Phillips. The incident has been reported to Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron who has turned it over to Chief Inspector Oscar Lusby. Inspector Lusby said that he in turn handed it over to Inspector Frank Deems for an investigation. He promised that a report would be issued shortly. Meanwhile, Mr. Phillips has become ill and has been confined to bed.)

By I. HENRY PHILLIPS

I was arrested on Tuesday afternoon while I was trying to take a news photograph at a polling place.

I've been a news photographer for 13 years and this was the first time a policeman has arrested me, grabbed me by my belt and marched me to a police station.

Acting on orders from the AFRO City Desk I had spent most of Tuesday morning and the early afternoon getting pictures at polling places. I had visited half a dozen places and had been treated okay at all of them.

Finally I reached the Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School No. 118, Argyle Ave. near Lanvale St.

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I ASKED the officer on duty where was the polling place, upstairs or downstairs, and he pointed to my camera and told me I couldn't take it inside.

"I am going to take a picture of someone voting," I told him.

"You can't take pictures in there," he said.

"I don't understand this because I have been in other polling places getting pictures and I don't see why I can't get a picture here," I told the officer.

He still insisted that I wasn't going to get a picture so I sat my camera on the ground. As I was taking my wallet out to get my press card he shook his head and said:

"I don't want to see it because you are not going to take any pictures," the officer said.

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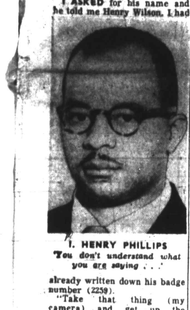
I ASKED for his name and he told me Henry Wilson. I had already written down his badge number (2259).



"HE TOOK HOLD OF ME BY THE PANTS AND SAID 'I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU IN . . .'"

I. HENRY PHILLIPS
"You don't understand what you are saying . . .

"Take that thing (my camera) and get up the street," he said pointing his stick.

"You certainly are embarrassing me, a newspaperman, in front of this school with all those children and teachers in the yard," I said.

He said if I didn't get up the street he was going to arrest me, I said I wasn't going anywhere because I'm going to take a picture of someone voting and if you don't let me go in the school I am going to take someone going in or coming out.

He told me he was going to arrest me and I tried to explain that you can't arrest a newspaperman for taking a

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Grady vs. McKeldin in May 5th election

The old line Democratic machine vote was overpowered in Tuesday's primary by a record turnout of independent Democrats who carried the "three G's" ticket of Grady, Goodman and Graham to an overwhelming victory over the D'Alesandro, Abramson and Manning slate.

J. Harold Grady, state's attorney, took the Democratic nomination for mayor with 103, 358 votes, according to unofficial returns, a 33,000 majority over Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., making his bid for a fourth term with 70,341.

State Senator Philip H. Goodman, Fifth District, won the nomination for president of the City Council with an equally impressive 72,983 votes over Leon Abramson, the incumbent who polled 18,000 less with an unofficial 54,875.

Dr. R. Walter Graham, running for re-election as comptroller, was an easy winner with 96,527 votes, a majority of 37,000 over Joseph L. Manning, who polled 58,855 votes.

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ON THE REPUBLICAN side of Tuesday's primary, Theodore R. McKeldin, former governor and former mayor of Baltimore won the nomination easily, in another bid for the mayoralty. **James F. Fanseen, a police court magistrate, and Charles A. Masson, businessman, running mates with Mr. McKeldin for the Republican nominations as comptroller and president of the City Council, respectively, were victorious.**

The May 5 general election will thus pit Grady, Goodman and Graham against Republicans McKeldin, Fanseen and Masson for Baltimore's three top public offices.

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A CLEAR-CUT example of the strength of the Democratic popular vote, as compared to the machine vote, was evidenced in the Fourth District.

This district, the stronghold of James H. (Jack) Pollack, a close ally of Mayor D'Alesandro, went to the mayor with less than a 1,400 majority over Grady.

Unofficial returns here gave D'Alesandro 8,603 votes, and Grady 7,350.

The Pollack forces could not deliver this district for Manning, however, who polled almost 1,000 votes behind Graham.

This count was Manning, 6,820, and Graham 7,737.

Abramson did a little better than his running mates in this district, polling 8,075 votes, a 2,700 majority over Goodman, who came up with 5,312 votes.

The Grady, Goodman and Graham ticket, running on the label also of the Democratic party, ran ahead of individually and collectively, every one of the city's other five districts with the exception of **the First District.**

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THE FIFTH District, home of Senator Goodman, gave Grady an almost 11,000 majority vote of 20,405, over 17,467 for D'Alesandro.

Graham polled a near 32,000 majority here with 26,837 votes over Manning, who received an unofficial count of 14,450 votes.

Goodman himself came up with a near 7,000 majority in this district, over Abramson with a vote-count of 22,783 to 15,462.

The Fifth District has in recent years developed into a battle ground for control by the Pollack forces.

Top credit for the success of the Grady slate is being given to George P. Mahoney, long a Democratic leader of another faction within the party.

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MR. MAHONEY, who built his organization through several unsuccessful campaigns for the U.S. Senate and governor, threw the full weight of his resources behind Grady and his running mates.

This came at a time when some of the old-line Democrats were going around talking about the party having at last achieved a strong degree of harmony.

Whether this will result in a split of Democratic forces for the general election remains in doubt at AFRO presstime.

It was such splits that previously facilitated McKeldin's elections as mayor of Baltimore

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Philip H. Goodman—72,983
COMPTROLLER
R. Walter Graham—96,527

REPUBLICANS
FOR MAYOR
Theodore R. McKeldin—16,266
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Charles A. Masson—7,833
COMPTROLLER
James F. Fanseen—8,743

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DEMOCRATS
Walter T. Dixon—8,342
Maxwell Alpert—7,928
Maurice J. Seypher—6,566

REPUBLICANS
Harry A. Cole—2,666
Howard D. Dixon—2,138
Raleigh Jones—1,118

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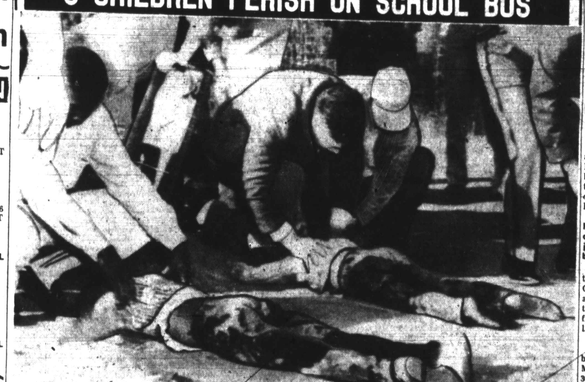
9 CHILDREN PERISH ON SCHOOL BUS



FUTILE ATTEMPT is made to save the lives of three of nine children who perished in school bus accident in Tifton, Ga. Giving artificial respiration in this photo is Henry Banks Allen, center, Tift County school superintendent.

Minister wants to clear name

"I was framed."

Over and over and over again in the last 11 months the Rev. James C. Garrett, 2400 block Barclay St., has made this statement but hardly any one has listened to or believed him.

The police did not believe him, the prosecuting attorney did not believe him and the jury that convicted him did not believe his story.

The jury of two women and ten men found the Rev. Mr. Garrett guilty of burglarizing a house in the 1700 block Bentalou St., after two hours and five minutes of deliberation last April.

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THE INCIDENT which brought the trouble to the Rev. Mr. Garrett took place on Jan. 30, 1958, when police alleged they saw him running away from a house in the 1700 block Bentalou St. that had been burglarized.

They also reported finding a screwdriver in his car and its point fitted grooves in the door of the burglarized home.

Sure, said the minister at his trial, he was running, but he was just running home.

Sure, said the minister, he was at the house he was visiting but he had been visiting friend in the 1600 block Bentalou St.

HE FOUGHT as best he could but he was convicted.

While the public might con-

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21 sleeping boys die

(SPECIAL TO AFRO)

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — "It was a one - story firetrap with no fire-prevention at all — not even a pump."

This was what L. C. Bates, publisher of the Arkansas Free Press, said of the training school building destroyed by fire early Thursday morning.

A total of 21 youths, ranging in ages from 15 to 17, perished in the holocaust.

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MR. BATES said responsibility for the deaths "rests with the State of Arkansas for not supplying adequate equipment for the school."

The State Training School for Delinquent Colored Boys, Mr. Bates pointed out was housed in a building constructed in 1936.

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IT WAS of glazed brick exterior with pine interior, the publisher said, adding:

"It was dry as powder and practically as dangerous from the standpoint of safety."

Fire officials said the blaze struck just before dawn when the 68 inmates were still asleep.

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THE BOYS had been locked in the building without adult supervision.

The supervisor who usually stays in the building at night

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'It was awful...'

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MR. JONES, 40-year - old driver of the school bus for 23 years, said the vehicle hit two successive bumps on the road and swerved out of control, coming to rest on its side in the pond as the terrified children panicked.

Scene of the accident was a mile from Brookfield in Tift County on the Ike Jackson farm.

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EXCEPT FOR neighboring residents, who pushed to the scene to pull the terrified children from the vehicle, there may have been a greater tragedy, he said.

Neighbors applied artificial respiration on some of the children until three doctors, several nurses and other help arrived from Tift, Tifton, Nashville and Berrien Counties.

Ambulances were summoned after two older pupils, James Collins, 17, and Oscar Holt, 15, escaped from the vehicle and started pulling other children through the bus windows.

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QUESTIONED about the seating capacity of the bus, Mr. Mack told the AFRO Wednesday:

"There is no state law governing the capacity of persons who stand up."

He said seven buses served Wilson School, transporting children from as far away as 25 miles.

This brought speculation from observers that the pupils probably pass many public schools in reaching Wilson.

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PRINCIPAL Mack said the bus driver was hurt slightly in the accident.

Wilson has an enrollment of 1,150 colored pupils within the large area it serves. There are 32 faculty members assigned to the school.

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FUNERAL arrangements had not been completed at presstime for eight of the children, Mr. Mack said, but services for Leroy Tabor were scheduled to be held Saturday in Friendship Baptist Church here.

Buses that transport Wilson School children are owned by the county.

Had too many enemies

(An Editorial)

There were several factors which contributed to Mayor D'Alesandro's dismal defeat.

He had been in office 12 years. In that long period he made many enemies.

By his off again-on again tax policies he had created animosity of the business community.

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By refusing to throw his considerable influence behind the Dixon equal public accommodations bill, he had made enemies of the city's clergy as well as a large segment of the city's colored voters.

HE HAD estranged the city's conservationists by his bull-dozing effort to spoil the natural beauty of Druid Hill Park with a civic center.

And he had made a bitter enemy of George P. Mahoney by running against him for the Senate in the primary slightly less than a year ago.

He defeated Mr. Mahoney, then lost out to Senator Glenn Beall. Mahoney never forgave him.

In this week's primary it was Mr. Mahoney who cam-

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Dunbar rally overcomes Patterson in thriller

By SAM LACY

Dunbar High School stormed up from an 11-point deficit in the final quarter to subdue Patterson Park High, 30-29, in the last minute-and-a-half of play to put the Poets in the lead for the first time in the contest.

TRAILING 24-13 in the opening seconds of the final period, the Poets rallied around Leach and hit for 15 points while holding the opposition to four in the closing six minutes and 30 seconds.

Shots by Leach, Rudy Peterson, Carl Kinnon and Leach again closed the gap midway of the quarter and pandemonium broke loose. Twice the game had to be halted while the officials removed objects and spectators from the playing court.

The victory was achieved by the Poets only after one of the most hectic struggles for the long season. Yet it was typical of the team, which had been forced to rally from a slow beginning to overcome the odds, the standings and go on to the division crown on the final day of the regular season.

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PATTERSON ran up an early lead in the opening minutes, largely to Dunbar's inept shooting from the foul line as well as from the floor.

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WEATHERMAN SAYS

Spring rain today

Friday, rain in morning, afternoon warmer, rain changing to showers.

Saturday, fair, cold.

Sunday, cold.

March 8 last call for Honor Roll

There are only two more days left to get in your nominations for the AFRO's 1958 Honor Roll.

Deadline is Sunday, March 8, at midnight. All letters must be postmarked by this time in order to be considered.

The AFRO Honor Roll is designed to honor those men and women in our community who have performed service above and beyond what they might reasonably be expected to perform.

The names of the nominees should be sent to the AFRO Honor Roll Editor.

A black eye

AN EDITORIAL

Basketball on the high school level sustained a black eye last night (Thursday) in the wake of the Dunbar-Patterson Park contest played at the Coliseum.

The disgraceful conduct of certain of the spectators deserves denomination, and officials of the Maryland Scholastic Association should move immediately to avoid any possible repetition of the behavior which marred the evening.

The senseless booing of officials, generally in response to the calling of fouls against Dunbar players; throwing of confetti and the tossing of whiskey bottles onto the floor of ice on the playing surface were only a few of the despicable actions of the spectators to disrupt the proceedings.

By their disgusting performance, these spectators—few, if any, of whom can be identified as fans of any of the competing schools — went a long way toward destroying, from the final time as well as from the floor.

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There is little doubt that the responsibility lies with officials who took advantage of the fact that the game was played in a public hall. Without wasting any time, they put authorities that should govern the games in the gyms of the competing high schools, where the usual cautions and policing can be exercised and the chance of repetition of such episodes will be minimized.

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