Nixon to speak at union hall, but they will reject Beall

By MAX JOHNSON

President Richard Milhous Nixon comes to Baltimore Saturday to boost the lagging U.S. Senate candidacy of the Republicans' Congressman J. Glenn Beall Jr., and is scheduled to speak at a rally at the hall of Local 2610, United Steelworkers of America, 540 Dundalk Ave.

This is in the Dundalk-Essex area where the President and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew ran strong in the Presidential election two years ago.

Use of the steelworkers' hall on this occasion will not constitute, however, an endorsement by Local 2610 of either Mr. Beall or C. Stanley Blair, the GOP gubernatorial candidate.

Actually, Charles C. Robinson, president of Local 2610, told the AFRO Thursday that members of his union will "overwhelmingly reject his (the President's) candidate, and support our friend Joe Tydings for the U.S. Senate."

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Mr. Robinson explained that a rental fee had been paid for the hall, but in no way does the President's visit reflect any "endorsements of his policies, program or candidates."

This means, in short, that President Nixon may get a warm reception at the rally Saturday, but it will not come from the steelworkers.

Mr. Robinson has made their position crystal clear that this is only another rental of the union's hall, lent out regularly on such basis.

Moreover, despite this union's rejection of President Nixon's Mr. Beal for the U.S. Senate, it could have been labelled an act of disrespectful discrimination to have refused use of the hall for the Chief Executive's rally.

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Here is the complete text of Mr. Robinson's statement on the issue:

"On Oct. 24, 1970, the President of the United States is scheduled to speak at Steelworkers Hall, located at 540 Dundalk Ave. I have had many inquiries concerning the practicality and political ramifications

OCTOBER 27-29

Varied opportunities in the veterinary medical profession will be outlined in two special programs for area high school students and guidance counselors. The first of the two-hour program will be held for Baltimore City students grades 10-12 at Poly High School on Tuesday, October 27, at 7:30 p.m. The second will be for Baltimore County Students at Dulaney Senior High, Thursday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m.

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JOHN F. CROMWELL

In the Friday Edition of the AFRO a death notice referring Mr. Cromwell's biography and including his funeral arrangements. The story was mistakenly accompanied by a photograph of John R. Cromwell, one of Baltimore's first black CPA's. The AFRO regrets the error and herewith publishes the photograph of the correct Mr. Cromwell.

DRUID HILL ASSAULT:

Fireman acquitted by Fire Board

Charges that Firefighter Carey W. Woodlawn of Engine Company No. 6 behaved in a manner "unbecoming a fireman" were dismissed by the Board of Fire Commissioners Tuesday.

The charges grew out of accusations by the Northern District Police that Mr. Woodlawn criminally assaulted and robbed a Morgan State College instructor and also robbed her male companion in Druid Hill Park on August 26. He was released on his own recognizance and is awaiting action by the grand jury.

At the Fire Board hearing, Captain George R. Brinkman told the commissioners that while the victims had positively identified Firefighter Woodlawn, he could verify that "it is impossible for him to have been there because I know he was on duty at the time they say the crime happened."

Captain Brinkman said, "my records show he was on Watch from 3:10 to 4:00 and when I made my head count at 4:30 of the eight men going off duty he was one of them." The Captain added that at 5 p.m. Mr. Woodlawn drove another firefighter home from work.

The victims claimed the attack occurred around 4:30 p.m.

The Board's decision to dismiss the charges was unanimous and John Killens, Chief of the Fire Department remarked, "this is a screwy case. I don't know what it's all about but I think that based on the Captain's testimony and the Department's records this is all a terrible mis-identification."

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Bails reduced, Judge Liss says $25,000 'unfair'

Facts on what happened to cause the arrests of 23 persons who were staging a demonstration near the penitentiary two weeks ago have either been lost in the hubbub which followed or are being "held until the trial comes up."

On Tuesday Supreme Bench Judge Solomon Liss granted Habeas Corpus relief to most of those who were still being held in City Jail on $25,000 bails.

Judge Liss told the AFRO, "I reduced the bails to what was fair and reasonable."

The Judge also pointed out that he felt the original bails which were set by Judge Stichel "were not fair and though I believe that the State's Attorney who recommended such a high bail thought he was right, he obviously was not or I wouldn't have changed it."

Judge Liss indicated that James Welsh, the Assistant State's Attorney who had recommended the $25,000 figure, may have done so "on the spur of the moment and did not have quite as much information about the defendants as we had."

Captain Anton Glover, the officer who ordered the arrests and who testified at the preliminary hearing that "the marchers had been trying to incite a riot in the penitentiary" was not available to comment on why the defendants were arrested three blocks from the institution.

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Captain Dennis P. Mello, who was duty officer the night the arrests were made, told the AFRO "while I was there I didn't see anything unusual. They were marching, chanting and carrying signs like they always do."

When asked if he witnessed any behavior on the part of the marchers which warranted arrests the Captain of Western District said, "No I didn't see anything. But I wasn't there when the arrests were made.

"I went over there because as Duty Officer I was in charge of the city but when I got there I saw that Captain Glover and his commander Major Shaunnesey were on the scene and they didn't need me. So I left."

Mrs. Zerita Skates, an elementary school teacher who is well known for her participation in the rights struggle and who was also arrested at the time, told the AFRO she had asked Captain Mello to verify her "press credentials" because Captain Glover had refused to do so.

That Mrs. Skates had "asked me to verify her press card and I said I would." However, he said he did not do so because he

Captain Mello admitted "wasn't going to say anything to that man while all that stuff was going on."

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Mrs. Skates was among those arrested and held on $25,000. It was reduced to $1,000.

Others released after bail reductions were: Miss Angela Y.' Hattan, 21, 2600 block Aisquith St., $1,000.

James W. Green, 4900 block Pimlico Rd., $1,000.

Will S. Joyner, 30, 900 block Sharp St., $1,000.

Lamy Sorrell, 22, 900 block Duncan St., $2,500.

David Lawrence, 22, 900 block Sharp St., $1,000.

William Coates, 25, 1100 Cherry Hill Rd., $1,500.

Robert Jordan, 21, 1800 block East North Ave., $1,000.

Austin Sydnor, 300 block N. Carrollton Ave., $1,000.

Milton Wiggins, 560 block Mosher St., $1,000.

James Owens, 18, 2000 block Sinclair Lane, $2,500.

Benjamin McMillian, (Olugbala) 1200 block Mulberry St., $2,000.

Robert Harper, 20, (Kenya Kenya), 700 block George St., $2,000.

Wilson Mack Jr., 20, 400 block Sinclair Lane, $2,500.

Reginald Howard, 26, 200 block E. 25th St., $500.

William Carter, 26, 900 block Cathedral St., $2,500.

Walter Lively, 800 block North Broadway, $1,000.

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Late Wednesday afternoon it was announced that the Baltimore City Grand Jury had returned indictments against all 20 defendants.

All were indicted on charges of disorderly conduct and failure to obey an officer.

Walter Lively was additionally charged with assault and kicking Patrolman Robert Cohen.

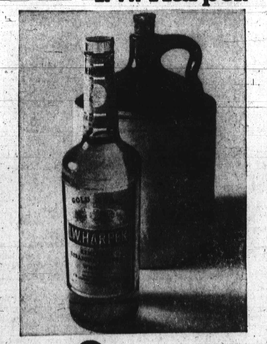
David Lawrence received indictments on possession of a deadly weapon, and assault with intent to murder Sgt. Edward Mattison whom he is accused of attacking with his own espantoon.

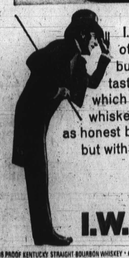
Also James C. Owens was indicted on assault of Officer William Roberson.

The Rev. S. A. Henry, local spiritualist, has returned from his 7000 mile tour and will be joined by seven spiritualists, from seven states, on Nov. 7, 6 p.m., at the United Spiritualist Church, 1110 W. Baltimore St.

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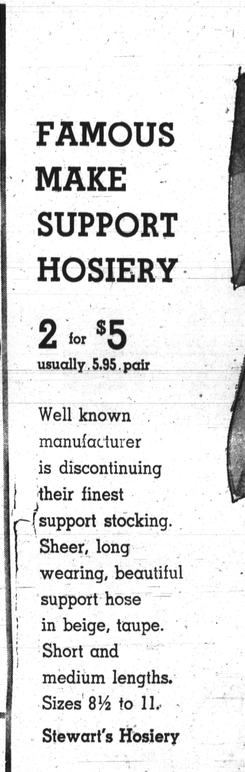
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