WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Most Discrimination Found In City Agencies

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

If, because of the sector in which you live, you may doubt that your vote can swing the election to public office area representatives mindful of your welfare as a member of a minority race — here is something for your attention.

Here is a letter to this column from Clem I. Venture —who was a candidate for the State Senate in the city's Sixth Legislative District in the past primary election.

Mr. Venture, a retired postal clerk, didn't win the nomination — but a purpose was accomplished.

He writes:

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"I AM just wondering whether or not the election dramatics in the Fourth and Fifth Districts have not completely over-shadowed equally newsworthy material in this — the Sixth District.

"As you know, the Della - Wyatt combine has few peers in the area of machine politics.

"They have entirely dominated this district for more than 20 years.

"Their four-to-one superiority in the voting potential has made them indifferent to the needs and aspirations of the colored minority.

"And from time to time, they have openly expressed this indifference.

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"EARLY IN the spring, a group of colored politicians met to do something about this deplorable situation.

"The meeting was spearheaded by men of different political suasions — Republicans, Democrats, ADAers and what have you.

"A plan was adopted to have more colored file for the House of Delegates — as well as the State Senate.

"As a result — William B. Murphy, Edward Smith and Charles Cooper filed for the House of Delegates, and I filed for the State Senate.

"None of us was nominated.

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"BUT THIS is the real story — neither was George Della, the incumbent.

"The battle between Della and (William L.) Hodges was so close — that the 700-odd votes I received upset the apple cart for Mr. Della.

"And that, I submit, is no mean achievement.

"We feel that we have made our presence felt in this neck of the woods.

"And if a public accommodations bill were to come up tomorrow — we feel that it would receive more consideration from the representatives of this district than it did in the last (State Legislature) session."

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NOW TO fully grasp Mr. Venture's point here — it is necessary to know that Senator Della has been a Sixth District representative in the State Senate for 23 years, since 1939.

He was president of the Senate, 1951-55 — and since 1959.

You just don't knock out of office a top official such as this — who heads the top political machine in his area.

But — they did it.

And Mr. Venture's letter gives insight as to how it was done — and why.

SENATOR DELLA has long been noted for his careless utterances on matters pertaining to the welfare of colored citizens.

He is a Democrat.

There are in round figures 8,300 registered Democrats in his Sixth District — as compared to 31,000 white Democratic voters.

But — they knocked Senator Della out of office.

Their votes were the balance of power that won the nomination for Mr. Hodges — presently a city councilman representing that district.

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THIS MIGHT well be construed as not so much a move toward Mr. Hodges as a better man — but a definite move against Senator Della.

Or — you can figure the thing out any way you find to your liking.

Mr. Venture's point here is simply this:

A small group can wave a big stick with its minority vote — when there is a set purpose in view.

His letter is something to remember — the next time you are undecided about going to the polls and voting.

"DOMESTIC PEACE CORPS? — Members of "Project: Eastern Shore" are shown prior to embarking on their assignments to Easton, Cambridge and Chestertown on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. They were selected on the basis of their experience in social action and civil rights. From left to right (back row) are Clifton Henry, Maurice Holmes, Tom Kennedy; (seated) Steve Wolfe, Leo Burroughs, Williams Henry, and T. E. Curtis. Missing is Betsy Dinsmore of Connecticut College for Women.

Freedom Riders turn attention to new activities on Eastern Shore

"The time is ripe for a change on the Eastern Shore."

Clifton Henry, a leader in the Baltimore Civic Interest Group and director of "Project: Eastern Shore," made this statement this week as he explained why the area was selected by the group for its summer project.

In a manner characteristic of the Peace Corps, students have volunteered to spend their time and talents in a nine-week program of economic and political education on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Henry said that the program is partly a second-wave assault on the traditional Deep - South segregation which "hinders progress in the Eastern Shore communities."

"The demonstrations — sit-ins and picketing — have focused attention on the problem — now what we want to do is to provide methods and strategy for social and political action," he added.

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THE PROGRAM, Henry said, is a combined project of CIG and the Northern Student Movement, a coordinating body for some 25 civil rights groups on college campuses in New England and New York State.

On paper the project looks disarmingly simple. It calls for a team of three persons— a colored student, a white student, and a resident of the community — stationed in Easton, Cambridge, and Chestertown and working in the surrounding area.

They propose to work with local groups on plans designed to "stimulate political awareness and create economic stability."

Seminars, mass rallies, motion pictures and any stratagem which will bring the community together in discussion of mutual problems will be employed.

In practice, however, Henry admits that there may be some problems.

"It'll definitely be a 24-hour a day job for the staffers. But we don't intend to provide the leadership in these communities. We are only going to act as catalyst — we will work with the present leadership in carrying out these activities," he maintained.

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HE EMPHASIZED that the primary goal of the project is one of education—both politically and economically.

"Most of the colored people in the 11 Eastern Shore counties are not registered. Those who are registered are mostly Republicans in an area where issues and elections are decided by Democrats.

"This has caused the Republican Party to run very few candidates and has discouraged the colored citizen from exercising his vote.

"We need to encourage voter registration drives and discuss the best manner in which the votes can be effective," he pointed out.

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IN THE AREA of stability, Henry cited complete lack of and failure of labor unions to make any inroads on the Eastern Shore.

"The colored people's limited knowledge of unionization has caused a fear of the union movement. Most colored residents are employed as domestics, unskilled laborers in canning factories, and unskilled construction workers — employment discrimination is rife.

"Unionization would be a first step toward better working conditions and economic progress," Henry maintained.

In the field of education, he pointed to the fact that most of the county officials tell outside investigators that their schools are integrated but that no colored student has applied for transfers.

"A tutorial session could assist students who might decide to transfer into an integrated situation. We plan to help any student who desires to take the step," Henry added.

PREPARATION for the

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EOC reports 19 complaints

City agencies are the chief violators of equal job opportunities laws, the Equal Opportunity Commission reported this week.

In its annual report, released Thursday the commission said that one-fourth of the complaints, job discrimination, involved municipal agencies.

Of the 81 complaints received last year, the report states, 19 were lodged against city agencies where workers were denied work because of color.

Although there has been general improvement in the employment picture for members of minority groups, higher level jobs, "for the most part are closed," to colored workers.

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A STATISTICAL breakdown of complaints shows:

The number of complaints lodged with the commission last year doubled those in 1960, 83 to 40.

Of the total received, 77 charging job discrimination, three alleged discrimination on basis of religion, while three persons complained they were discriminated against because of their national orgin or ancestry, the report said.

Fifty-eight of the complaints were against private employers, but city agencies took the lead in job refusals when only 41 of the total of 83 complaints were processed.

Forty-two grievances were dropped due to lack of follow through by the complainant, or lack of jurisdiction.

OF THOSE processed, 19 were satisfactorily concluded by either giving the complainant direct relief or by forcing the offending company to discontinue discrimination practices, it was reported.

Ten grievances remained unresolved at the year's end.

The construction industry is another sore spot in the local employment picture for colored workers, the commission found.

The traditional practice of employing colored workers in lower and semi-skilled positions continues, the report showed.

And traditionally too, they are kept from higher skilled craft jobs, "even when their training and experience have been of higher order," it was reported.

A solution to this problem is made more difficult because:

1. These jobs are not continuous; 2. workers discriminated against have other jobs and are not available for hearing; 3 and due to a lack of staff personnel to check out the complaints, it was stated.

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More goods found in dock probe

More stolen goods has been recovered in the waterfront probe, says John J. Riley, supervising agent for the U.S. Customs Department.

Mr. Riley said three cases of stolen whiskey were found by the small army of Customs and FBI agents now combing the docks.

There has been no additional arrests, but more are expected as the investigation continues, Mr. Riley said Wednesday.

THE TWO-MONTH-OLD investigation which cracked the alleged million dollar theft ring a week ago, will continue for another eight to 10 weeks, according to Mr. Riley.

Three men have been arrested and are awaiting action of the federal grand jury.

In addition to the whiskey, other merchandise has been found while agents search the 45-mile waterfront, Mr. Riley reported.

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HOWEVER, THE amount involved will not be known until agents complete the

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Civil defense volunteers balk at lack of support

Western District Civil Defense volunteers balked this week at what they termed the "ambiguity" of Baltimore's Civil Defense program in general, and the attitude toward the Western District in particular.

Asserting that the Western District has received none of the necessary equipment to carry out an effective civil defense training program, District Coordinator Charles N. Perry said the District would cease civil defense operations until "something is done."

In what Perry said was a final meeting of District officials Tuesday, the group asked that the city council re-evaluate the policy, program and planning of Baltimore's Civil Defense program.

"We've reached the point where there is nothing else we can do," he said. "I've been in civil defense activities since 1942 and the existing situation is the worse I've ever seen."

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AT TUESDAY'S meeting, General Richard G. Prather, Director of Civil Defense in Baltimore, told the Western Civil Defense Organization that he was doing his best to see that they are properly outfitted.

He said that the city is relying on the national six-year program which provides for community shelters by 1968.

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POINTING OUT that the other eight civil defense districts in the city are equipped with radios and elaborate communications equipment, while Western has only two telephones, Perry said that he has been receiving promises since the District was organized two and one-half years ago.

"If a nuclear attack came tomorrow, we wouldn't have a chance. And we've got to at least get on the ball with what we can happen at any time," he said.

He said that it is generally conceded that Western, which is a predominantly colored area, has the highest organized civil defense group in the city.

"Even General Prather admitted that we are tops in terms of organization and operational ability—but we can't be expected to handle a real situation without equipment," Perry asserted.

He said that Western civil defense organization would be ready to start operations again whenever the city decided to give them the equipment to work with.

GENERAL Prather later told the AFRO that he saw "no reason to discontinue training" in the Western District.

"A lot of training can still be done, even without communications equipment," he asserted.

He said that he had "initiated action" in March to see that the District received the equipment comparable to that of the other civil defense districts.

"It takes a while to get these things okayed — but I don't expect it to take too long," he added.

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NAPE urges vote to save group's bargaining power

"Regardless of the numerical disadvantage" at which we find ourselves, we must vote in order that postal and government officials will realize—no matter what the outcome of the elections — that we are an important and representative group and vastly interested in the rights of postal workers."

John W. White, president of the Baltimore branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees, voiced the position of the group in the current struggle for bargaining rights.

Nine other labor unions are competing for the right to represent the nation's 580 thousand postal employees, 25,000 of which are colored, in elections scheduled to end July 1 at midnight.

Under the new arrangement, employees are to be represented according to their crafts or job classification.

Because NAPE is an industrials union which draws its membership irrespective of job classification, it will be at a disadvantage in the craft break-down.

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ACCORDING to Mr. White Baltimore's NAPE object at this point is to prevent any other union from gaining exclusive bargaining rights and thereby limiting its ability to adequately represent the 1,600 colored postal workers in the Baltimore Post Office.

"The time has not yet come when the colored postal worker can afford to give up an important tool such as the National Alliance of Postal Employees — no more than the colored man in America can afford to give up the NAACP," the Alliance head maintained.

In an all - out vote drive, the alliance hopes to win formal recognition in several crafts by garnering at least 10 per cent of the votes of the employees in the particular job classification. They anticipate the voting strength to request exclusive bargaining rights in several others.

Less than 10 per cent of the votes will give a union informed recognition status, which means that management may or may not consult with the group on policy and working conditions.

Ballots, which were mailed to all postal employees on June 16, must be in by midnight of July 1. They are to be mailed to the Regional Comptroller's Office in Richmond, Va.

Mr. White emphasized that votes will be discounted if the employee fails to include his Post Office working number, name, and the city office in which he works on the ballot.

HE ASSERTED that despite the fact that its membership is predominantly colored, with an eye toward bettering the working conditions of the colored postal worker, the alliance has traditionally been active in all aspects of postal employee interest.

In many instances the alliance fought for better working conditions when unions which now seek the votes of the postal workers, took opposing stands, he said.

He cited NAPE's campaign for women workers on a permanent basis at the same pay. Other unions fought the proposal, he stated.

Other instances cited were:

1. Introducing a blood bank program in the Baltimore Post Office which last year saved employees $40,000.

2. Has waged a fight for years to get legislation which will protect letter carriers, special delivery messengers and motor vehicle service operators from traffic suits resulting from accidents.

3. Has effectively represented all workers in pay hike efforts and other legislation.

Mr. White points out that the alliance is predominantly colored because until recently, most craft unions refused to accept colored workers.

Pointing up the necessity for a continuation of the 40-year-old alliance, he said that no other union could adequately represent the aspirations of the colored workers in the community where there is still much discrimination in housing and employment.

Dragnet out for 'cool, calm' killer

A police dragnet is out and spreading for the killer of a mother of seven children, found choked to death in a third - floor bedroom of a Franklin St. hotel Monday night.

Donald Graham, 19 - year-old clerk, found Mrs. Lottie Harris, 42, 600 block Saratoga St., dead in bed when he forced his way into Room 11. The door to the apartment was locked, the clerk told police, and he found the body when he went in to make up the bed. He entered through an adjoining room.

Mrs. Harris, according to the hotel registry, entered the room around 2:30 a.m. Monday with a man who registered as being from, Trenton, N.J.

Police reported that no one saw him leave the room, and they have evidence that the name and address he gave are false.

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THE MEDICAL examiner listed the cause of death as strangulation, and estimated

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Dad held in death of son, 1 of 2 homicides

Two men, one charged in the death of his two-month-old-son, were held without bail for grand jury action Tuesday afternoon, following hearings in Central Municipal Court on homicide charges.

They are:

Donald Jackson, 30, 2200 block Brunt St., accused in the death of his infant son on 30:

Homer Smith, 47, 2800 block Baker St., charged in the fatal shooting on April 8 of Ray David Lyles, 33, 600 block N. Longwood St.

Mr. Jackson appeared before Judge Robert Hammerman without an attorney, and said when asked how did he plead in the case against him:

"No plea at all."

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PATROLMAN Charles Couison, Western District policeman, testified that Mr. Jackson reported his baby had been crying during the afternoon in question, and he gave him a bottle.

When he continued crying, he took the child to Provident Hospital where he died.

Judge Hammerman was told Mr. Jackson was arrested when the cause of death was found to be ruptured liver and hemorrhage of the brain. Mr. Jackson did not testify.

In the case of Mr. Smith, testimony by police charged Mr. Lyles was fatally shot outside his home on the early morning of April 8, following a party there.

An auto drove away from the scene at the time, and police arrested Mr. Smith a short time later at a home in the 800 block N. Spring St.

Mr. Smith was represented by Joseph Rosenthal, attorney, and did not testify. A signed statement from him was given by police to Judge Hammerman, but not read in the court.

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Rec. Dept. supports JC program

The Department of Recreation is a partner in a program which uses city money, facilities and personnel to guarantee that the recreation program remains segregated.

The only justification Harold S. Callowhill, superintendent, can offer for it is:

"Parents request it."

The program was discovered this week when the AFRO learned that six recreation centers, — with the blessings of the department— conduct swimming classes at Carlin's Park on a "private club" basis.

"Private club" really means that the classes are segregated and colored children are not allowed to attend.

Carlin's swimming pool is segregated.

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THE CHILDREN are transported there from the various centers by buses assigned to the Department of Education. As such, they are property of the city.

Recreation workers who supervise the swimming classes are city employees.

If they, or any of the children under their supervision, are injured while at, or en route to and from the pool, it is a city responsibility.

If either becomes involved in a legal liability, the city is equally involved.

The centers, all located in the Negro areas of the city, pass up three city-owned swimming pools to use the "private club" facilities at Carlin's — Clifton, Patterson Park, and Druid Hill.

The swimming instruction classes are part of the day camp programs at these centers, according to Mr. Callowhill:

Hamilton, Bayonne and Sefton Aves.; Dewees, Turnbridge and Lothian Rds.; Leith Walk and Walbrook; Harford and Sherwood Ave.; Northwood, Loch Raven Blvd. and Hartsfield Rds.; and the Harford Playground.

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ALTHOUGH MR. Callowhill could only name five centers involved, a spokesman at Carlin's said six are registered for the swimming classes.

Commenting on the arrangement, Mr. Callowhill said his department "has no choice."

"We can't refuse to do it as long as they (parents) pay," he said.

The superintendent said parents of the children pay a swimming pool fees, trans-

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REGISTER NOW SO YOU CAN VOTE

LODGE PROTEST IN ARREST OF CLEAN BLOCK WORKER

JUNE BRIDE

IN TRADITIONAL JUNE wedding, Miss Doris Dancy Oswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon M. Oswell, became Mrs. Armory Brunot, Saturday afternoon. The ceremony took place in St. Cecilia's Church. For more pretty June brides, see page 7 in this issue. (AFRO Photo by Phillips)

YM admits segregated day camps

Despite an avowed policy of integration, the YMCA this week, was accused of operating segregated day camps.

The accusation was made following the complaint of a parent who said his son was unhappy because his colored playmate was barred from the Milford Day Camp on Milford Rd.

Ervin Baugher, executive director of the central branch, which sponsors the camp, claimed the agency is powerless to do anything about it — at least this year.

He said colored youths are banned from the camp — one or 10 sponsored by the Y — because the owner of the site where it is located forbids integrated swimming.

"There is no immediate remedy for the situation. Mr. Baugher told the AFRO, **because the Y is committed to use the facility for six weeks.**

However, he added that the Y will not use the camp next year.

The director said the problem did not come up until arrangements were completed for the current day camp season and the agency is unable to cancel out.

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HOWEVER, JOSEPH SCHLEA, owner of the site, disagreed.

"Our policy was thoroughly explained to them even before they set up the camp," he declared, "and they agreed to operate under it."

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Other Camps in operation, the director reported, are:

Oswego, Patapsco Park, and Mohawk, Huntingtown both sponsored by Druid Hill branch; Dundalk, at the Dundalk branch; Har-Co-Yn-Co, three miles north of Bel Air, sponsored by the Harford County Y;

Also Howard County Day

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Prayer ruling creates furor

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

The Court Said:—These 22 words recited by N.Y. public school children violate the U.S. Constitution, the Supreme Court ruled Monday.

Ministers, the general public, school officials, attorneys and public officials were on opposite sides this week as to the United States Supreme Court's ruling outlawing a 22-word "school board written" prayer in the New York public schools.

Some 47 persons in all walks of life talked to the AFRO this week. Of this number 25 were outspoken against the decision; 17 agreed with it; four called it the law of the land and said it should be followed; 1 person stayed on the fence, and the agency is unable to cancel out.

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'We have to protect women...'

NAACP appeal alleges police manhandled young mother of 4 active in Clean Block Drive

"We have to demand that our women be respected as women."

This is the statement of Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, member of the NAACP Legal Redress Committee, who, along with Tucker R. Dearing, also a NAACP attorney, filed an appeal in a case which she says involves police brutality.

The appeal seeks to wipe out the probation before verdict decision handed Mrs. Shirley Ann Blackwell, 711 N. Payson St., 32 - year - old mother of four children, ages 14 months to 13 years.

Her two oldest children, boys ages 10 and 13, are in a group of more than 30 adult and children workers of the AFRO's annual Clean Block Campaign now beginning its 29th annual clean-up drive.

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LAST YEAR, the Blackwell family was on the 700 Block Payson St. Clean Block team which won honorable mention award for cleanliness.

Mrs. M. Frances Mason, AFRO Clean Block director, said the block has been one of the top blocks in the last two years.

Mrs. Blackwell was arrested June 19 shortly after noon, and charged with disorderly conduct on the street and assault by scratching a police officer.

At the trial Monday the case that in historic Southwestern Police Court, Judge Harold Aaron gave her probation before verdict upon payment of court costs of $3 on the disorderly conduct charge. Probation before verdict on payment of court costs of $3 on the assault charge was placed under four months' probation guard.

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ON THE day of the arrest, Western District police report they were called to the 700 Block N. Payson St. on a DISTURBANCE call. The complaint of a Mrs. George Thomas, 1940 Hanover St.

Mrs. Thomas, mother of eight children, who cleaned up the 700 block Payson St. area deposited the trash in a can in each of his residences.

He said he had watched children kicking trash about the alley from this spot on previous occasions.

Other residents say the trash was placed in covered containers for boxes at the Harlem Ave. end of the alley in the rear of the 700 block as usual since city trash collectors expect to pick it up there.

HOWEVER, UPON inquiring police report, they encountered Mrs. Blackwell in front of her home and made a request that youngsters remove the trash.

Reports show Mrs. Black-

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All Catholic schools have open doors

Father James C. Donohue, Superintendent of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Baltimore has stated that all Catholic schools welcome students of all races.

"This he says has been true, officially, since the Supreme Court decision required integration of all public schools.

An example of an integrated Catholic school is the new Cardinal Gibbons all-boys High School under construction on the site of the old St. Mary's Catholic Industrial School, at Caton and Wilkens Ave.

(St. Mary's became famed the world over through Babe Ruth, the baseball immortal, who was reared there and, first learned the game from its priests.)

When Cardinal Gibbons opens in September, among the 300 members of the first freshman class will be six

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Orioles' front office defends Robinson's sale

The Baltimore Orioles answered critics of Earl Robinson's sale to Rochester this week, with the assertion that it was "our only course."

Robinson, an outfielder obtained from the Los Angeles Dodgers in the winter of 1960, was sold to the International League Redwings on Tuesday. His departure left the Orioles without a colored player, the only team in major league baseball comprised of an all - white roster.

Immediately the sale of the 25-year-old Californian was announced, the switchboards at the AFRO and at Memorial Stadium began lighting up with complaining fans.

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"THE SIMPLE facts In the case," President Lee MacPhail told the AFRO, "is that Earl was unable to play because of a prolonged elbow injury. He couldn't throw and an outfielder, or for that matter, a ball player, who cannot throw is virtually useless to a major league club hoping to remain in the pennant fight.

We had the choice of putting Robinson on the injured reserve list or sending him to Rochester. We chose the latter as our only course," MacPhail continued.

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"IF WE HAD kept him here and put him on the injured list, Earl wouldn't have been eligible for reinstatement for 30 days. That would not have made him available until August, even if he were to recover from the arm trouble.

"At Rochester, if he is put on the injured list, he can return within ten days.

"It is our hope that Robinson will recover and regain the stregth in his throwing arm that was a pleasure to watch when he first joined us."

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MANY OF the fans who called expressed alarm at the fact that the deal called for the player's "outright sale" to the minor league club.

"That isn't difficult to explain," said MacPhail. "Earl's three options have been used up. We couldn't option him to Rochester without relinquishing rights to him, thus making him subject to the draft this winter.

"Since we have a working agreement with Rochester, we retain the privilege of first call in any future selling of him. We intend to exercise

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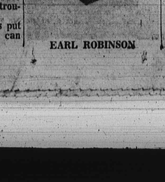

EARL ROBINSON

Clergy..

DR. LOGAN KEARSE, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church — "The ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court on the prayer drafted by the New York State Board of Education is an encouraging, frightening, sad and yet refreshingly challenging to the religious community.

"It is probably true that the nation has never been made conscious of a trend toward complete secularization of public education than now.

"It is probably equally as true that never before has there been such a groundswell of determination to guarantee to God a place however minor in the activities of the school day.

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People..

MRS. MARIE JACKSON, 2505 Fairfax Rd., cashier — "I think a prayer as a part of the regular morning devotions is appropriate — especially in public education than now.

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City Solicitor

FRANCIS B. BURCH, City Solicitor:

"I have thoroughly reviewed yesterday's opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States which appears to prohibit the recitation of the sanctioning of any prayer in the public schools.

"Although it is hoped that the language of that decision is not so far reaching as to prohibit the long-established practice of reading portions of the Bible and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in Maryland and many other states throughout the country.

"I am fearful that the Supreme Court in the Murray case may well strike down the opening exercises so long approved by the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City.

"Six Justices have, in the words of Mr. Justice Stewart, 'misapplied a great constitutional principle.' They have rewritten the Constitution for the benefit of a few who in the name of religious freedom seek religious suppression. . . ."

Warm weekend

The Weather Bureau predicts a warm weekend, which might continue into the Fourth of July holiday.

The bureau said temperatures will start to rise today, Friday, with increasing humidity expected with temperature rising on Saturday and Sunday.

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