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

Civil Defense Aides Ask For Staff Probe

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

This in-between elections period is usually considered as vacation time for many political organizations.

Some lay aside serious politics until after the Labor Day period.

Too many other such groups just don't do anything— not even maintain periodic organizational meetings.

The questions now arise:

Can we afford this laxity?

Can we, now, really afford lengthy in - between elections vacations from politics?

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CAN WE afford to allow the interests of organizational members to wane — due to the lack of a progressive, year around program?

Let's look into this thing together — as matters now stand.

In the space of the next ten months — there will be three elections held in Baltimore.

First — this Nov. 6 will come the State-wide general election.

Citizens will elect a governor; U.S. Senator; attorney general; comptroller; congressman-at-large; a congressman in their respective congressional districts; State Senator and State House of Delegates members in their legislative districts and counties.

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THEN — NEXT March and next May will come Baltimore's primary and general mayoralty elections.

Baltimore voters will elect a mayor, city comptroller, president of the City Council — and councilmen to represent the city's councilmanic districts.

So, in view of these pressing election campaigns — can our political organizations afford a vacation of inactivity?

This question assumes even greater pertinence — when applied to the independent, Democratic organizations in the city's Fourth District.

Here — two young organizations combined efforts in the past May primary, to emerge with the State Senate and two of the six House of Delegates nominations.

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THESE ARE the Verda F. Welcome-Murray Abramson and the S. Edward Smith - Jacques E. Leeds organizations.

They won — barely so in the State Senate nomination —over the district's long-established, highly powerful, political machine of James H. (Jack) Pollack.

But, they have that one more river to cross — the November general election.

These independent candidates campaigned on an anti-bossism, anti-Pollack slate.

The Pollack forces, having lost a State Senator and a House seat, have little choice but to fight back.

And here is an organization whose chief virtually eats, sleeps and breathes politics — all day, every day.

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THERE ARE no such vacations for him.

Even his political enemies respect him as a master strategist in this field — one who works hard at it all of the time.

So, realizing that there are sure to come some counter Pollack faction moves — can the independent Democratic organizations in the Fourth District afford a vacation?

Can they really afford to go along in the routine of some more established organizations?

Can they be sure they are safe — to wait until after the Labor Day period to prepare for the general election?

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LET'S CARRY this whole thing a bit further.

A City Council committee is now trying desperately to come up with a plan to re-district Baltimore's six councilmanic districts.

This committee wants to have such a plan ready for introduction at a special City Council session on July 12.

The Republicans have a city re-districting plan they are threatening to petition to the November general election ballots — if the Democratic City Council doesn't act.

A committee of city General Assembly members is standing by — waiting to realign Baltimore's six legislative districts.

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THESE ARE serious, far-reaching proposals.

They bear close watching in their formative stages by all political groups — certainly by our organizations.

Colored voters in now stronghold areas of the city may well lose their effectiveness — through the adoption of the wrong kind of re-districting plan.

Here, then, are just a few political situations that need constant attention. There are others, such as zoning, urban renewal.

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NOW, I have posed the question here of whether we can actually afford a vacation at this time from politics.

I should like to answer thusly:

If we must take a vacation — let's make it a short one.

And be sure to leave somebody home to watch over the political house.

They swipe things in politics, too.

Stole to pay debt, gets 5 yrs.

A 28-year-old floor cleaner, who stole a safe containing $600 to pay off a New York loan shark, was sentenced to five years in the House of Correction Thursday.

Alexander Tisdale, 28, 800 block Lennox Ave., said he took the safe from a restaurant in an East Baltimore shopping center because two New York hoodlums had threatened to "get" him if he didn't pay them $300 for a $125 loan he made with a "Dino" before "running out."

Entering a guilty plea to the charge, Tisdale said the two men followed him to Baltimore where one of the men "put my hand under his coat to feel his gun and told me I had better get the money."

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WHILE WORKING for a floor cleaning firm where he was hired last month, Tisdale said he noticed the door in the office of the restaurant was left open.

With the help of a hitchhiker, whose name he did not know, Tisdale, said he returned to the office later that night after they cleaned and waxed the floors earlier in the day.

Using the firm's auto, Tisdale said he and his companion took the safe to the cellar of a house in the 2100 block Callow Ave.

They bought a hacksaw and cut the door of the safe and split the money — Tisdale getting $400 and the hitchhiker $200, he testified.

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AFTER PAYING off his companion, Tisdale said he walked to North Ave. where he met the New York gunmen. He took them back to the Callow Ave. house, he said, where they took his share of the money, leaving him only $5.

Tisdale said he did not know the gunmen by name, but said he knew they worked for "Dino," whom he said operated at Bleeker and Sullivan Sts., in Greenwich Village.

He was arrested when he returned to his place of employment after paying off the New York henchmen, Tisdale said.

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IN ANOTHER CASE, Criminal Court Judge Dulany Foster sentenced Milton E. Trusty, 22, 100 block Durham St., to 10 years in the Reformatory for Males.

Trusty pleaded guilty to stealing $5,000 worth of clothing from a tailoring firm in the 100 block Front St. last October.

He testified that he and three companions, using a hammer, pick, and crowbar, "busted" a hole in the side of the building, entered the shop and took the following items:

Five tuxedos, 10 car coats, 12 raincoats, 47 sport coats, nine Ivy League suits, 148 men's suits, and 77 pairs of pants.

Trusty said he took the stolen clothing to New Jersey and New York, where he sold it.

He denied knowing the names of his companions.

WOW! — What's a 4th of July without bar-be-cue? And Craig Garner of 912 Wheeler Ave., enjoys the tantalizing aroma while waiting to sample the tasty bits being prepared on a 4th picnic.

2 Mt. Royal BURHA areas renamed

The Project One area of the Mount Royal - Fremont Urban Renewal Area has been renamed Madison-Park South."

This is the sector bounded by Laurens St. on the north; Park Ave. and Bolton St. to the east; Dolphin St., on the south, and McCulloh St. on the west.

The Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency is now acquiring properties in this area, from which more than half of the families will be relocated.

The area now known as Project One Extension of this sector has been renamed "Madison - Park North."

This is the urban renewal area immediately north and northeast of the old Project One, bounded roughly by McCulloh, Presstman Sts., North, Linden Aves., Ducatel St., Brookfield Ave., Pennsylvania Railroad right of way, Dolphin St., Park Ave., and Laurens St.

A vast majority of the existing properties in this area are slated for rehabilitation.

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Minister Isaiah Karriem will deliver a talk at 2 p.m. on "The Prodigal Son Returning to His Own" at the Is Mosque 514 Wilson St.

Woolridge divorce decree is signed

A decree, divorcing Mrs. Pearlena Woolridge from Dr. Thomas J. Woolridge, Jr. was signed in Circuit Court Monday.

The Woolridges, married in 1937, had been separated since 1956.

The court divided custody of two children, giving the daughter to Mrs. Woolridge and their son to the physician. They are also parents of another daughter, now married.

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DR. WOOLRIDGE is to pay his former wife $225 per month permanent alimony, with the payments being made to the Probation Department.

He is also to provide $100 per month support for the daughter, Pearlena, now a Morgan State College student.

Thomas Jerry Woolridge, the son, will be in custody of and supported by his father.

Dr. Woolridge was also required to pay Mrs. Woolridge's attorneys, Joseph W. Spector and Robert G. Lembach, $3000, as well as court costs and a half of the reporting service costs for the open court hearing in Circuit Court.

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CHARGING THAT Bennie Lee Fye, now of New York City, was both cruel and untrue to her, Mrs. Gladys J. Fye of 539 Wilson St., divorced him, last week.

They were married on Oct. 1, 1951, the wife testified. He came home on March 15, 1954, smeared with lipstick and intoxicated, and threatened to kill her, she said.

She added that next day he went to his uncle's home to borrow money, and that when he left she left with only the clothes she wore at the time.

With the divorce her maiden name, Jefferson, was restored.

Mrs. Fye was represented by Harry Cole, attorney.

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WILLIAM H. SHEARIN of Philadelphia, divorced Mrs. Dorothy Shearin of this city, recently.

Mrs. Shearin, whose address was given at 1417 E. Lafayette Ave., was charged with desertion.

Her husband said that when he came out of the service he went into the Merchant Marines Service.

When he returned from a

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Does his holiday shopping early

An unidentified man did his Fourth of July shopping the hard way, Tuesday night.

Phillip Pearberg reported to police that the man entered his store in the 2900 block Belmont Ave., and ordered a bottle of whiskey.

When the whiskey was placed on the counter he then ordered a bottle of soda.

As Mr. Perlberg turned to get the soda, the customer grabbed the whiskey and ran out the door.

He didn't bother about waiting for the soda.

Two large areas without protection

If America were the target of a nuclear attack tomorrow Baltimore would be in a bad way.

This is the outspoken consensus of opinion of spokesmen for two of the city's most active volunteer civil defense organizations.

The spokesmen are Charles N. Perry, District Civil Defense Coordinator for the Western District, and Eli Barkenfeld, a coordinator for the Northern District. Both have announced that their districts have suspended civil defense training operations until "something is done" to re-evaluate the entire Civil Defense Program.

This has the effect of leaving these heavily populated areas without any civil defense protection, in case of an attack.

"Until we get something straightened out on this, the expense of carrying out a voluntary program — the time and effort of the individuals involved — is ridiculous," Mr. Perry said in explaining why he suspended operations.

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IN A letter to William D. Schaefer, vice - president of the City Council, the Western District Coordinator has asked that a resolution submitted by Schaefer in October calling for a re-evaluation, of the city's civil defense setup be acted upon.

The letter also asked that the present paid civil defense staff be probed to "find out whether they are honestly qualified for their jobs."

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MR. BURKENFELD, whose northern district is separated from the Western District by North Ave., complained about what he termed the "lack of policy and procedure" for his civil defense volunteers.

"So we train the people — then what are we going to do with them? I have asked again and again that we be given directions on what to do — how to operate — in case of an attack, and I get no answer," he maintained.

"All I'm asking for is a plan of procedure," Burkenfeld added.

Pointing to a corresponding lack of activity in the seven other civil defense districts, both Barkenfeld and Perry maintain that voluntary participation has reached an all-time low.

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GENERAL RICHARD C. PRATHER, director of civil defense for Baltimore, deplored the charges, but added that the volunteers' attitude might stem from the fact that the civil defense program in Baltimore, as in the rest of the country, has undergone radical changes.

The civil defense director said that thebackbone of the present program is the bomb shelter, and is guided by the National Shelter Plan.

The older concept of civil defense, which entailed more warning time and non - nuclear weapons, was based primarily on the concept of evacuation and dispersal of the populace.

"This means a change in the role of the volunteer — it's a period of transition," he said.

"But we will need even more volunteers when the new program is completed and there is still a lot of training to be done," he said.

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UNDER THE national shelter program set forth by the Kennedy Administration last year, 235 million shelters are planned to take care of the nation's citizens by 1967.

General Prather pointed out that a survey of possible shelter areas in Baltimore is scheduled to be completed in the near future.

He estimated that Baltimore's shelter program will possibly be completed before that of some other cities' because of the typical basement and masonry construction in this part of the country.

"If a bomb were to drop tomorrow, we would not be as well off as we will be when

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Rites held for youth who drowned

Funeral services were held at noon today (Friday) for 17-year-old Samuel Shipley, 1389 Woodyear St., who drowned Monday in an abandoned gravel pit on Belle Grove Rd., in Anne Arundel County.

Rites were held from a funeral home in the 1300 block of Presstman St. Burial was at National Cemetery.

The youth was swimming with a friend, Melvin Adams, 17, 1332 Fremont Ave. and his fiancee Gloria Adams, 18, of the Fremont Ave. address when he submerged and failed to come up, police said his companions reported.

The body was recovered an hour later by firemen from the Brooklyn Park Fire Department.

Survivors include the youth's mother, Mrs. Robbinette Shipley Day; stepfather, Walter Day Sr.; a stepbrother, Walter Day Jr.; four stepsisters, Jurnita, Luverne, Mary Day and Mrs. Odessa Burnette.

The dead youth, who was employed as a clerk at Lexington Market, was visiting his sister on Belle Grove Rd., when he and his companions decided to go swimming, his family reported.

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4 fires, same week, same place—woman, 47, held

A 47-year-old Northwest woman was charged with three counts of attempted arson when her home was the scene of four fires within a week.

Mrs. Lillian Ann Bostick, 500 block Dolphin St. was ordered held for grand jury action by Judge Robert I.H. Hammerman Tuesday in Western District Police Court. No bond was set.

Arson charges against Mrs. Bostick and a friend, James, Nash, 58, were dismissed June 26 when firemen responded to two alarms within four hours the previous day at the Dolphin St. address.

The couple was instead fined $10 for disturbing the peace and given a stern warning by Judge Howard Aaron.

Sunday at 7 p.m., firemen were again called to put out a blaze in a back room and one in a front room. Captain Anthony Spann said that investigation indicated that the fire had been started deliberately with kerosene.

Nash is still in jail on the disturbing the peace charge.

Captain Spann said that the Dolphin street address is a multiple dwelling with several families with children living on the upper floors.

Council meets on school prayers, re-districting

The City Council, now in summer recess, meets in a special session Thursday, to consider a resolution on the Supreme Court's recent ruling on the conducting of prayers in the public schools in New York.

A public hearing on the resolution, which asks that the decision be reversed, is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

This resolution touched off a lengthy hassle last Monday at the Council's last scheduled meeting, and resulted in the call of the special session to resolve the matter.

The Council is also expected to be given a proposal for re-districting the city's six councilmanic districts in some more equitable fashion.

Councilman George W. Arthur (3rd D.), who heads a committee studying this matter, said that the re-districting proposal will likely be based largely on a plan submitted to the Council some months ago by Dr. Harry Bard, president, Baltimore Junior College.

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THE COUNCIL has until the deadline date of July 23 to submit a re-districting plan for certification by the Board of Supervisors of Elections, if it is to be placed on the November general election ballots for voters to approve or reject.

The Board Plan would enlarge the First and Second Districts at the expense of the Third. The Fourth District would be expanded westward in the Fifth District, from the Western Maryland Railroad and Fremont Ave. to Hilton St. and Ellicott Drive.

The Sixth District would be enlarged with the 20th Ward of Fifth District.

City Republican officials, meanwhile, have a re-districting plan of their own they are attempting to petition to the November ballots.

This plan would create two new districts by splitting the Third and Fifth Districts. The Second and First Districts would be enlarged at the expense of the Third District.

The Fourth and Sixth Districts would remain with their present boundaries.

The Republicans are now attempting to gather the 10,000 signatures necessary to place this plan on the November ballots.

They are also faced with the July 23 deadline.

JULY 15

The Greater Baltimore Evangelistic Tent Revival starts July 15 at Laurens and Mount sts., and will continue through August. Feature Evangelist is the Rev. Charles Leadum.

CROWD ATTRACTION — This auto collision at Biddle and Washington Sts. Saturday afternoon attracted a crowd of on-lookers. Mrs. Mary A. Braxton, 36, 1600 block Holbrook St., operator of one of the accident autos was carried to Johns Hopkins Hospital with multiple injuries. She was charged with failing to obey an automatic signal. Operator of the other car was Paul G. Koukoulas, 30, of 700 block S. Rappola St., who was not injured sufficiently for hospitalization.

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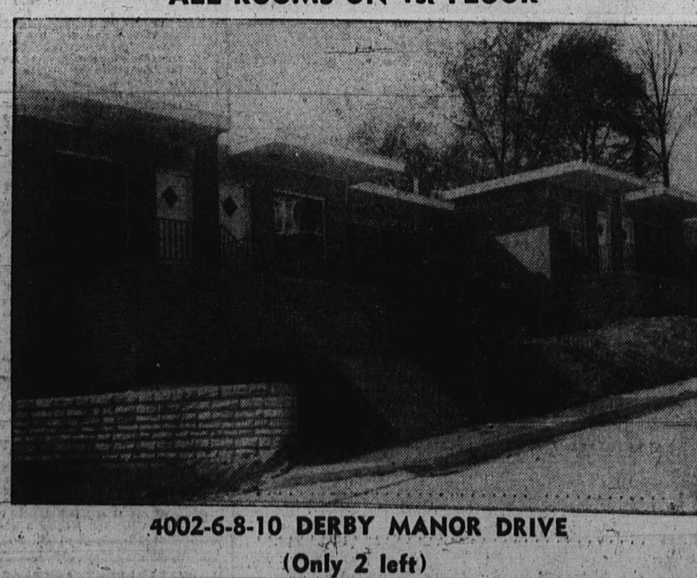
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Young Lady's First Mink Stole Is Stolen

BY FRANK HUNT

Mrs. Beverly Bolton couldn't make up her mind whether to buy a mink stole or a new car about two weeks ago.

She finally decided on the stole—a beautiful tawny bit of lady's fancy worth about $700.

So Tuesday the stole was stolen by an equally discriminating burglar who ransacked her home in the 1800 block N. Bentalou St.

"It was my most prized possession—I hardly got a chance to wear it," said the 25-year-old I. B. M. operator.

Mrs. Bolton said she came home from work about 5:15 Tuesday evening and discovered the theft. She is employed at the Social Security Administration.

She said she noted that a chair had been moved in front of a window but did not realize that a stranger had been in the house until she reached her room and saw that it has been ransacked.

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MISSING WAS the largest piece of a three-piece luggage set, valued at $16, a diamond ring valued at $70 and a coat worth $50.

Also missing were several sport coats, a clock radio, a camera and several pairs of shoes belonging to Mrs. Bolton's mother, Mrs. Mallie Watson; and uncle, Sterling Graves. All were at work at the time.

Total value of the items was almost $1,000.

According to Western Police the burglar apparently entered the house through a front window leading off the porch into the living room. No suspects had been arrested at AFRO presstime.

Mrs. Bolton said she had planned to have the stole insured against theft this week.

NEW STOLE'S GONE — Mrs. Beverley Bolton, 1814 N. Bentalou St., shows how the burglar entered her home and made off with some $1,000 worth of articles, including her two-week-old mink stole.

Bandleader Drowns

First calls fake, next overlooked

Unless something happens, and fast, a pauper's grave will claim the body of a local rock and roll combo leader who drowned in up-state New York Tuesday.

Joe Coddy, 26-year-old drummer and leader of the Joe Coddy's Rocking All-Stars, was drowned while swimming in a lake in Ogdenburg, N.Y., where his band was playing with the O.C. Buck Traveling Carnival.

His body is at an Ogdenburg funeral home.

The funeral director, Benjamin Nichols, said he needs $235 to arrange for burial there, or $300 to ship the body back to Baltimore, Coddy's native home.

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JOE, christened Louis William Colvin, had no money. His family, at 909 Ridgely St., is unable to raise the necessary funds.

His father, Robert Colvin, is unemployed, having been laid off his moving helper's job several months ago.

There is no insurance and no union benefits because he was dropped from the rolls of the Musicians' Guild when his dues fell in arrears last year.

Ironically, **Joe expected money for injuries sustained in a 1961 auto accident, but his $70,000 damage suit is still pending.**

No settlement can be arranged, his brother, Robert, said, because other persons are involved in the proceeding.

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ELZIE STREET, his former manager, attempted to arrange burial with a local undertaker, but the funeral director said he needs at least $500.

"But we don't have a dime, not to think of $500," Robert Colvin said, at AFRO press time.

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JOE'S MOTHER, Mrs. Elizabeth Colvin, is deceased. He is also survived by:

Mesdames Marian Boone, Maxine Barre and Miss Nina Colvin, sisters; Kenneth, Eugene, Delanore, Gilbert and Cornell, brothers.

William Poole, bass player with the band; his wife, Mrs. Henrietta Poole, and Miss Judith A. Turner, all of Baltimore, were with Joe when he drowned.

"We had been swimming for a long while," Miss Turner said.

"Joe had been playing and

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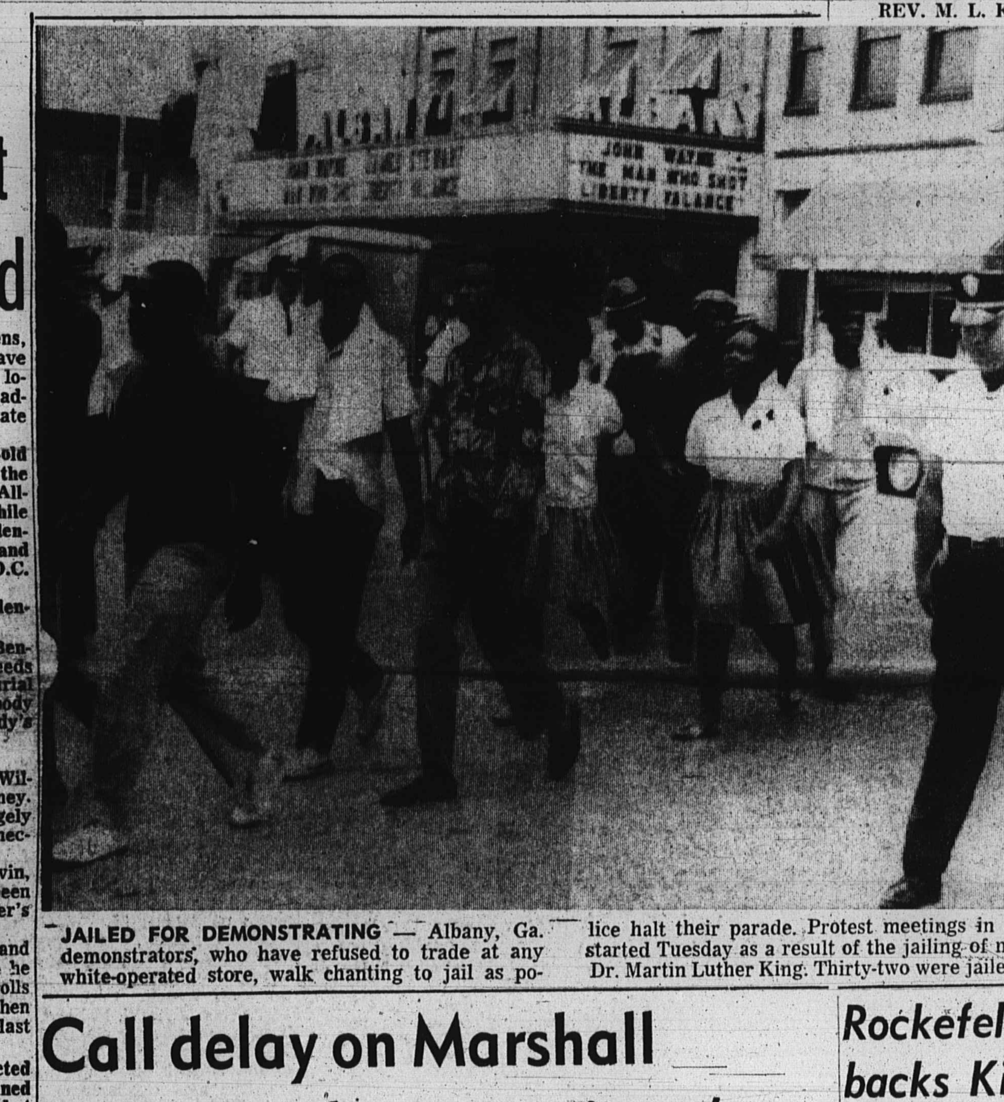

JAILED FOR DEMONSTRATING — Albany, Ga. demonstrators, who have refused to trade at any white-operated store, walk chanting to jail as police halt their parade. Protest meetings in Albany started Tuesday as a result of the jailing of militant Dr. Martin Luther King. Thirty-two were jailed.

REV. M. L. KING

Release from jail irks him

(Special to the AFRO)

ALBANY, Ga. —Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., still mystified by the sudden release of himself and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy from the Albany jail early Thursday morning, told his story to a gathering of Albany citizens Thursday night.

He said: "This is one time I'm out of jail and I want to be in, not that I appreciate the discomforts of jail.

"But I do not appreciate the subtle and conniving tactics used to get us out of jail.

Dr. King emphasized that he has "no plans to leave Albany, and no plans to call off any demonstrations" until something is done about the hundreds of people who were arrested in support of the protest against the jailing of the Georgia and Alabama clerics.

Thirty-two protesting demonstrators were jailed, and police reported being thrown at in colored areas in the tense city.

Dr. King and the Rev. Mr. Abernathy were released from jail when "someone" paid $358 fines for them Thursday morning. They left the jail at 9 a.m.

Reports floated around the city that "some city official" paid the fines, but no confirmation on the rumor was forthcoming and the question as to who paid the fines was still unanswered, at least publicly, late Thursday night.

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IN WASHINGTON, Attorney General Robert Kennedy who had been instructed by President Kennedy to make a report on the jailing of Dr. King, insisted that he **"had nothing to do with the paying of the fines," but said "I'm glad Dr. King has been released."**

No formal demonstrations were made Thursday after the release, the period serving as a temporary truce as Dr. King announced plans for a conference with city officials on the "present problem" and a mass meeting to follow later.

The conference was scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, and the mass meeting for 8 p.m.

At Shiloh Baptist Church, where Dr. King, told the citizens he "did not plan to leave Albany," the citizens still wore black arm bands because "Justice Is Dead In Albany." Approximately 100 attended the early meeting at which Dr. King spoke.

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A SPOKESMAN said that the Albany citizens were determined to get "a concrete answer" on the situation involving the more than 900 persons arrested for parading without a permit. He added that the city officials and the white citizens in Albany had "done nothing to solve the pressing problems affecting colored citizens here," and indicated that they showed little intention of doing anything unless pressured.

As a long - time citizen of Albany, the spokesman said "I never dreamed they could be so indifferent and that things would be as bad as they are."

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A TOTAL of 735 citizens were arrested along with Dr. King and the Rev. Mr. Abernathy last December and since that date more than 150 have been pulled into jail by police.

"This," the spokesman said, "is the worst record of such nonsensical arrests outside of South Africa."

WEATHER

Friday the 13th of July holds only the omen that hot, humid weather will continue, according to forecasters.

The 90 - degree heat is slated to stretch over the weekend.

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NO MONEY YET

'I may never get it,' moans Spriggs

By MAX JOHNSON

"This is pretty rough.

"I was surprised when I saw it in the papers. I had been expecting to be getting the money by now.

"I just don't know what to say. It looks as if I may never get it."

Horace Alexander Spriggs was speaking Thursday, expressing his disappointment to the AFRO over an announcement that he cannot be compensated by the State at this time for his unlawful imprisonment.

Thomas B. Finan, attorney general, and Joseph S. Kaufman, his deputy, have ruled that an appropriation for Mr. Spriggs from the Board of Public Works, as authorized by a resolution approved at the past session of the State Legislature, would be unconstitutional.

The resolution directed that the Board of Public Works pay Mr. Spriggs $40 a week over a three - year period, as compensation for the three years he was imprisoned for a robbery he did not commit.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S opinion pointed out that the State's Constitution holds that all payments out of the State's monies must be specified amounts by law.

Mr. Kaufman told the AFRO Thursday that the resolution his office was asked for an opinion on did not specify an amount to be paid Mr. Spriggs.

Even if the resolution before his office had specified an amount, Mr. Kaufman said it would be unconstitutional still for such compensation to be made because a resolution is not a law as the Constitution requires in such instances.

A resolution, he reminded, only expresses the sentiment of a body.

MR. KAUFMAN stated that compensation by the State to Mr. Spriggs could only come through a stated amount for him in the State's

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Call delay on Marshall 'filibuster by committee'

WASHINGTON

By CLIFF MACKAY

"It's obviously a filibuster by committee."

That was the description given by NAACP Secretary Roy Wilkins on Thursday to the delaying tactics of a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee considering the nomination of Judge Thurgood Marshall to the Second U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

After an hour and a half of questions concerning a five - year-old NAACP case in Texas, Chairman Olin Johnston of South Carolina adjourned the hearing until further notice.

After a protest by Senator Keating of New York, Senator Johnston promised that the hearings would be resumed "soon, but not tomorrow."

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THE QUESTIONS, seeking to link Judge Marshall with an injunction against the NAACP issued in Tyler, Texas, in 1957 by County Judge Otis Dunnigan, were propounded by L. P. B. Lipscombe of Meridan, Miss., who appeared as special counsel for the subcommittee.

Lipscombe was appointed by Senator James Eastland (D.-Miss.) chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Pressed for the amount of additional time he needed to

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FLASH

No Cabinet Post?

Dr. Weaver may get his wish, stay in housing

Amid reliable reports that he would be picked today by President Kennedy to the Health, Education and Welfare cabinet post to succeed Abraham Ribicoff, Dr. Robert C. Weaver reiterated his desire to remain in housing.

In an exclusive interview with the Baltimore AFRO at presstime today (Friday), Dr. Weaver repeated his statement made at the NAACP convention last week in Atlanta: "If the President would appoint me, I couldn't turn it down, but housing is where I have devoted most of my life."

It is known that after Dr. Weaver returned to the Capital from Atlanta, he conferred with President Kennedy on Wednesday. If he sold the President on his stated desire to remain in housing with the hope that an Urban Affairs cabinet post will be approved, the Ribicoff spot will go to someone else. Currently, Dr. Weaver is administrator of the Home and Housing Finance Agency.

Rockefeller backs King, Dr. Weaver

By CHUCK STONE

WASHINGTON

In an exclusive telephone interview with the Washington AFRO yesterday, New York State Gov. Nelson Rockefeller declared his enthusiastic support for Robert C. Weaver as the new cabinet secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Weaver, current Home and Housing Finance administrator, is being prominently mentioned as the leading candidate for the post which was vacated by Abraham A. Ribicoff this week.

Ribicoff resigned to run for the Senate in Connecticut. If appointed, Weaver would be the first colored cabinet secretary in history. However, last week he said he would serve "reluctantly" if the President appointed him.

Asked about Weaver's statement to this effect, Rockefeller said: "That is modesty one would expect of so outstanding a public servant."

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ROCKEFELLER told the AFRO that the Weaver ap-

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Fellowship House--Is This End Of Line?

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Baltimore has been able to boast of great progress toward the goal of true democratic living in the last 10 years.

For 23 years, Baltimore Fellowship, Inc., now at 3200 N. Hilton St., has courageously fought for better human relations here. It's executive director is Miss Ruth Fegley.

The up-hill climb, against obstacles of all sorts, has been what the group's many volunteer workers term "terrific."

On Wednesday, Fellowship House leaders told the AFRO: "Today finds us actually 'broke,' without money, operating on prayer and faith alone."

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ONE DISTRESSED official summed up the situation thusly:

"Our bank account is far exceeded by our debts.

"The house is heavily mortgaged. Our regular staff has not been paid in three months. Two devoted workers are so convinced of the value of the work we do, they are continuing to keep an active program in motion.

"But with conditions unrelieved as yet, we may be facing the end of the line."

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WITH THAT a valuable Baltimore institution, with an admirable record of humanitarian service, hoists a "Please Help Us" flag.

Simply, it means, as time approaches to plan for the fall program, this laboratory in human relations "does not know where its next penny is coming from."

But Baltimoreans, who have benefited from the influence of Fellowship House in so many ways, can come to the rescue!

Here is how Fellowship House says you can help:

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1. EACH OF Baltimore's 900,000-plus citizens is urged to make a cash contribution, no matter how small.

Send money orders or checks payable to Fellowship House, 3200 N. Hilton St., Baltimore 16, Md. in care of George W. Collins, treasurer. (Contributions are tax exempt.)

2. New members are urged to join, pay regular dues.

3. Organizations, businesses are asked to make contributions.

4. Foundations sympathetic with Fellowship's program of improving human relations are asked to give grants.

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HERE IS WHAT the money will do:

1. Help pay off the property mortgage which exceeds $200 a month. (The house is the center for Fellowship House projects and other outside organizations' work)

2. Help pay salaries of of-

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