WHEN YOU FINISH READING THIS PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

'NOTHING YOU CAN'T GET WITH VOTE'

(Story in Column 7)

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

Now that the all-Democratic City Council has failed to come up with a re-districting plan for Baltimore's six councilmanic districts — let's look again at the proposal the Republicans are threatening to petition to the November general election ballots.

First, though — it should be noted that this City Council again has revealed, by lack of agreement on this matter, the absence of strong, political leadership in the city.

It has again shown that Mayor J. Harold Grady doesn't exert the influence many of his precedessors in office had.

The councilmen themselves have displayed a lack of judgement — bordering on the ridiculous.

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FOR EXAMPLE —they call a special session to ponder a Supreme Court decision on a New York case involving prayers in public schools.

And all of their discussion on this matter means nothing — so far as the decision is concerned.

Yet — they hesitate to give serious consideration to the all important matter of re-districting their city's councilmanic boundaries in some more equitable fashion.

The thing has reached the point where this all-Democratic Council is actually begging the Republicans to hold off on their re-districting plan.

For the Republicans, being so far in the minority, this must be a— gleeful situation, indeed.

It is difficult to imagine the powerful Democrats here asking the Republicans for a favor.

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IN THIS instance — the thing is ridiculous.

The city's six councilmanic districts are presently fashioned in this manner — as to registered voters and councilman representation:

First — 40,000 voters, three councilmen; Second — 21,000 voters, three councilmen; Third — 127,000 voters, four councilmen;

Fourth — 49,000 voters, three councilmen; Fifth — 106,000 voters, four councilmen; Sixth — 48,000 voters, three councilmen.

To break this down into actual number of voters represented by each councilman in each of these districts— the picture would show:

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FIRST — 14,000 voters for each of the three councilmen; Second — 10,000 voters for each of the three councilmen; Third — 32,000 voters for each of the four councilmen;

Fourth — 17,000 voters for each of the three councilmen; Fifth — 27,000 voters for each of the four councilmen; Sixth — 16,000 voters for each of the three councilmen.

Now, the Republicans have a plan to increase the six councilmanic districts to eight — and allot three councilmen to each district.

This would increase the council seats from the present 20 to 24 and still— maintain an additional member as City Council president, elected at large.

The Republican plan, now in the process of being petitioned to the November ballots would create two new districts — by splitting the large Third and Fifth Districts.

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

The First and Second would be enlarged at the expense of the Third District.

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THE EIGHT districts would then have this registered voters breakdown, under this GOP plan:

First — 48,800; Second — 48,100; Third — 50,000; Fourth — 48,900; Fifth — 50,700; Sixth — 47,600; Seventh — 54,300; Eighth — 51,000.

Which means the registered voters in all the districts would range between 47,600 and 54,300.

The number of voters in each district would then have this more equitable representation by each councilman:

First — 16,200; Second — 16,000; Third — 16,600; Fourth — 16,300; Fifth 16,900; Sixth — 15,800; Seventh — 18,100; Eighth — 17,000.

This, roughly, is the plan the Republicans are trying to petition to the November ballots — with 10,000 required signatures of registered voters.

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THEY HAVE until July 23 to do so.

As a matter of fact — the Democratic City Council also has until this same July deadline to come up with some re-districting plan of their own.

If they somehow managed to do this — there would in all likelihood be both plans on the November ballots.

Citizens would then be faced with the choice of voting for the plan they favored.

The Democrats don't really want a re-districting plan carried to reality at this time.

They want to delay the thing with another study committee.

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THE REPUBLICANS' re-districting plan, meanwhile, is gaining attention — and considerable favor.

If they should get their plan through — it will serve the Democrats right — especially, the all-Democratic City Council.

If this City Council had approached this matter with any degree of fairness and sincerity — Republican leaders would have been called in conference.

Now, the Democrats have done nothing on re-districting — and are begging the Republicans to stop selling their plan to the public.

Ugh!

Here's a situation that is liable to get some Republicans elected — come November.

VOTE HUNT — Dual vote drives in the city promises to involve most of the currently 70,000 unregistered colored voters. In photo at left, Rev. Herbert O. Edwards (standing right), of Trinity Baptist Church, co-chairman of the NAACP register and vote campaign, speaks to chairmen of neighborhood and church voters registration committees at Tuesday night meeting. Center, in white hat, is Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore Branch NAACP, and Lyle Robinson, student drive chairman. In photo at right Civic Interest Group members canvass the 1300 block of Eutaw Pl., Miss Veronica Johnson and Miss Irene Adona outline their project to Lemmie Rhodes, 1312 Eutaw Pl.

NAACP vote drive draws 44 churches

The NAACP's Register and Vote Drive got off to a flying start Tuesday as persons representing 44 churches met at the NAACP office to map strategy.

"It's just wonderful the way the people have responded with such enthusiasm," Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, director of the drive, stated.

The Rev. Herbert O. Edwards, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, and co-chairman of the drive, congratulated the representatives on their spirit and reminded them that "those who are willing to sacrifice attain the most."

The representatives are chairmen of register and vote committees in their own churches and are to direct their congregations in the drive.

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TROY BRAILEY, president of the Negro American Labor Council and NAACP labor committee chairman, who is cooperating in the drive, also expressed satisfaction with the initial stages.

"Our objective is to make the some 70,000 unregistered colored voters in Baltimore realize that they cannot have first class citizenship unless they first exercise the right to vote," Mr. Brailey said.

"He said that the drive also emphasizes the necessity of voting after registering.

"It is disappointingly true that only 25 per cent of the registered colored voters in the city actually voted in the primary," Mr. Brailey noted.

Rev. Marcus Wood, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, is co-chairman of the drive along with the Rev. Mr. Edwards. Lyle Robertson, Morgan student, is the student campaign chairman.

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MRS. MITCHELL urged other churches and community groups to set up voters registration committees and participate in the drive.

"Those of us who do exercise our right to vote know what it means — it is our obligation to persuade others who don't vote that they must do so in order to effectively influence their government representatives," she said.

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CHURCHES SIGNED up so far are listed here by church, minister and vote chairman:

Leadenhall Baptist, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Thompson, Joshua Brown, co-chairmen;

Christ Methodist, Rev. H. E. Dixon, Mrs. Josephine E. Maxwell; Mt. Olivet C.C.C., Rev. Clinton L. Whitfield, Fred C. Peyton, Sr.; Cherry Hill Methodist, Rev. Nathaniel Perry, Columbus Hundley;

Emmanuel Christian, Rev. Sidney Daniels, Samuel Butler; Sharp Street Methodist, Rev. Kelly Jackson, Mrs. Lillian Gordon; Southern Baptist, Rev. James R. Grant, Mrs. Annie McLilly; St. James Methodist, Rev. Albert Hammond, Adelbert Scott;

Knox Presbyterian, Rev. H. Octavius Graham, Mrs. Beulah Caldwell; Mt. Lebanon

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127 registered this week;

If you have not yet registered to become eligible to vote, you may now do so.

Who should register:

These persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more — and are not yet registered to vote.

Where to register — Supervisors of Elections, ground floor of People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Hours you can register — Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Total registered for Nov. 1960 election: 106,306.
Total registered for May, 1962 primary: 115,761.
Registered this week period: 127.
Total to date: 116,404.

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Thursday	23	4	0
Friday	19	1	0
Monday	24	3	0
Tuesday	26	3	0
Wednesday	19	5	0

*AFRO weekly tabulations.

Ballot seen as answer to minority's problems

"There's nothing the colored people in Baltimore couldn't get if they voted like the Jewish people."

This was the statement of Dr. Clarence Long, Johns Hopkins University professor of political science and a candidate for congress from the 2nd Congressional District, at the kick - off rally of the Civic Interest Group voters registration campaign.

Dr. Long spoke along with several other local political figures to some 60 students and prospective vote workers at Enoch Baptist Church.

He maintained that apathy is the cause of all the evils attributed to politics. Politics and political machines are sensitive to the slightest expression of public interest, and political subterfuges are dispelled in the glare of public excitement, he said.

"There's one thing that all politicians can do — and that is, count votes. I've seen the most bigoted and prejudiced politician become tolerant and broad - minded when he is faced with a voter," Dr. Long said.

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GUEST SPEAKER for the occasion was Dr. Alexander Walker, professor of political science from Morgan State College.

Also, speaking were Joseph Dukert, vice -president of the Republican State Central Committee; C. W. Windsor, of the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education, and Mrs. Wilson Wing, of the League of Women Voters.

Dr. Walker, who is advisor and consultant to CIG's register and vote drive, said that if the students could do in terms of registering prospective voters, what they have done in restaurants and places of public accommodation, "it would be a wonderful thing."

Dr. Walker, pointing to the struggle for rights by minority groups, said that "it is a process of life."

"How one struggles and fights for the things denied him depends on the people involved and the circumstances. Sometimes pickets

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Shoe shine, yes! haircut, no!

You can get a shoe shine at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, but you cannot get a haircut.

The reason you cannot get a haircut, according to the operator of the barbershop, Robert Bianca, is that "My barbers are trained to cut only white people's hair."

Mr. Bianca has leased the space from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the past 15 years,

"If I were to cut colored people's hair," he continued, "I would have to put in a colored barber, and I can't do that at this time."

Furthermore, Mr. Bianca stated, the barbershop cuts only hair of people working in the station. This, of course, does not include red caps and Pullman porters.

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MR. BIANCA'S reply came as the "aftermath of an AFRO reporter's being refused a haircut after he got a shoe shine outside the barbershop.

The bootblack, Irvin Pitts, who has worked there since 1949, said it was the policy of the shop to shine everybody's shoes.

The barber, who identified himself as Robinson Crusoe, stated he cut only special people's hair who worked for the railroad.

He suggested the reporter take his complaint to railroad company officials.

J. W. Bonnet, special representative for the company, stated the barbershop was a concessionaire leased to Mr. Bianca for 15 years.

"We put him on his own discretion in running the shop.

"We don't tell him how to run it and we don't interfere with his running it.

"All we ask is that he pay the rent and keep the area clean," Mr. Bonnet stated.

Witnesses seek homes for delegates

Jehovah's Witnesses are making house - to - house canvasses to find housing for delegates who will attend the Watchtower Convention at the Timonium Fairgrounds, July 20-22.

Some 300 workers, each equipped with identification cards, are seeking rooms at reasonable rates for some of the 9,000 delegates expected.

Convention headquarters are located in the Kingdom Hall, 1625 Bellona Ave., Lutherville, Md.

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GOP National Training director to open campaign school July 14

Raymond Humphreys, director of education and training for the Republican National Congressional Committee, will deliver the keynote address Saturday (July 14) at a school for precinct workers at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute.

The school is part of a national program called Mobilization of Republican Enterprise (MORE).

It will mark the first big push by newly-elected leaders of the GOP city and state committees to develop an extensive grass - roots organization within Baltimore city.

According to David Scull, who has just completed his first month as chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, similar meetings have been held in the First and Second Congressional Districts, and are scheduled for later this month in the Fifth and Sixth Districts.

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PRECINCT WORKERS from all of the city's districts — many of them newly recruited — will be welcomed Saturday at 10:30 a.m. by Joseph M. Dukert, vice chairman of the Republican State Central Committee and director of the Baltimore MORE program.

The group will be briefed on the activities of various party organizations by Mr. Scull, City Chairman Walter E. Black Jr., Mrs. Osborne P. Bond of the Women's Federation, and Ted Woernley, a local Young Republican club president.

Following the introduction of Republican statewide and Congressional candidates, the morning session will conclude with brief talks by W. A. C. Hughes, candidate for the Municipal Court, and Clarence Logan, chairman of the City Interest Group.

The afternoon will be devoted to workshops entitled "How Do We Organize?" "How Do I Win My Precinct?" and "How Do We Keep Them Honest?" Stress will be placed on campaign techniques which have proved effective in other large cities.

Directing the workshops will be Mrs. Rubye Gill, Mrs. Katherine B. Hassenburg, Walter E. Black Jr., Marshall W. Jones Jr., Robert J. Gerstung and Arthur W. Sherwood.

PLAN JULY 14 MEETING — Republican leaders map program for school for precinct workers to be held July 14 at Polytechnic Institute in preparation for the November election. Left to right, Joseph Dukert, vice - chairman, GOP State Central Committee; W. A. C. Hughes Jr., candidate for Municipal Court judge; Newton I. Steers, candidate for congressman-at-large; and Augustus D. Knox, sixth district chairman.

Hearing for Marine postponed to July 24

The Municipal Court hearing for Marine Staff Sgt. Walter S. Damon, 37, 2500 block W. Fairmount Ave., was postponed in Western Wednesday.

Sgt. Damon is charged with assault and stabbing Mrs. Ruby P. Harrison, 33, 1600 block McKean Ave. on June 30.

Judge Robert I. H. Hammerman postponed the trial to July 24 because Mrs. Harrison, popular nightclub hostess, was still confined to Lasheran Hospital.

She was released Thursday morning, hospital officials reported.

The career Marine remained free on $2,500 bail, posted by bondsman Clarence (Shad) Brown.

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SERGEANT DAMON is scheduled to report to a West Coast duty station July 17 after completing a leave following his transfer from the Marine Air Training Station in Quantico, Va.

He applied for an extention after the case was postponed.

Mrs. Harrison was critically injured when she sustained stab wounds of the back and cuts of the hand and arm.

She identified her assailant as a "casual friend."

Sergeant Damon told a reporter he has been a friend for 10 years and at one time had planned to marry Mrs. Harrison.

Dr. Brown in City Hospitals

Dr. Benjamin F. Brown of 2939 Gwynns Falls Parkway, who fell and fractured his hip on Saturday, is in City Hospitals, where he was operated upon, Thursday.

Dr. Brown, well - known dentist in this city for many years, has been in poor health for several years.

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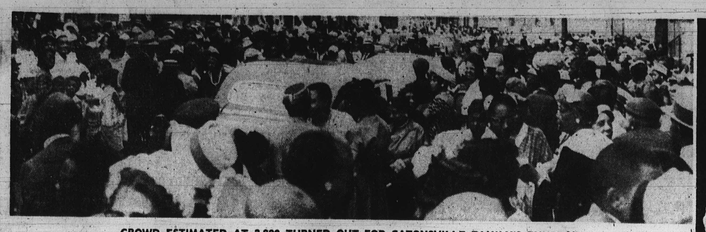

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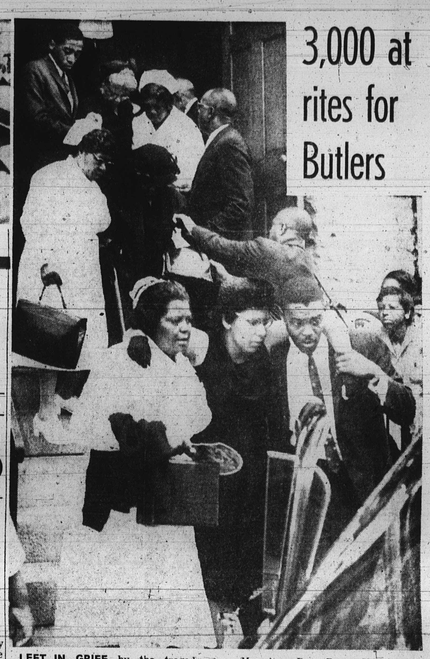

3,000 at rites for Butlers

LEFT IN GRIEF by the tragedy were immediate members of the Butler family. Leaving Ames Methodist Church after rites, are front, Mrs. Marlene Randall, the deceased woman's daughter, assisted by her husband, Thomas Randall; behind them the dead woman's 78-year-old mother, Mrs. Anna Ross, Bronx, N.Y. She is followed by her surviving daughter and son, Mrs. Ida Poindexter, and Madison Purvey and his wife (brother and sister of the deceased Mrs. Butler).—AFRO photos by L. Henry Phillips.

NAPE WINS P. O. RIGHTS

GETS 2 CRAFTS

Local branch sets pace for Alliance

The Baltimore branch of the National Postal Employees Has won exclusive union bargaining rights for the Mailhandlers and Motor Vehicle Service Employees here.

This amounted to a surprising show of strength for local NAPE, headed by John W. White, because the elections were conducted on a craft basis and NAPE is an industrial union representing no single craft.

Exclusive bargaining rights means that NAPE must be consulted by postal officials on any policies involving the workers in the two crafts.

There were two other bargaining levels which could have been won, depending upon the number of votes garnered. These were formal, which calls for being consulted on some matters, and informal recognition which leaves consultation to the discretion of postal officials.

NAPE won informal recognition in the other four categories: These are the letter carriers, postal clerks, custodial and maintenance and special delivery.

Some 3,325 of the 4,000 local postal employees voted and NAPE received 1,020 votes — the second highest of the six competing unions.

Following the balloting Mr. White told the AFRO that the vote "shows that industrial unionism remains strong and vigorous in the Baltimore office."

He said that the members of the branch's Board of Executives are "elated, jubilant and encouraged" over the high vote polled.

"We have always believed the Alliance ill equipped to serve its' members well and will flourish in a climate where excellence of performance must determine an organization's right to perish or survive. It is unwilling to lose its identity.

"We shall continue to serve all members of the Alliance and to work for the best interests of all postal employees," he said.

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BALTIMORE was the only NAPE branch of the 62 top post offices from which unofficial figures were available, which won two exclusive rights to bargain.

In Washington, Ashby Smith, NAPE president, said NAPE branches in the top 62 cities won exclusive

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Jehovah's Witnesses

More than 9,000 Jehovah's Witnesses from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, are meeting here through Sunday in the Fairgrounds at Timonium.

A highlight of the three-day assembly will be the baptism on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. of more than 200 persons.

Tonight at 7:35 o'clock the assembly's main speaker, Joseph L. Sain, dynamic lecturer, will speak, using the subject, "Search for the Sheep and Care for Them."

(For other news about the Jehovah's Witnesses and the assembly here, see Page 21.)

KING SAYS

'The fight goes on until barriers fall'

By DAN DAY

WASHINGTON

While the Kennedy Administration is "friendly to civil rights" and has done much to foster a favorable climate, it has failed to exert leadership equal to "the enormity of the problem," Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. told a National Press Club luncheon Thursday.

Addressing the newsmen organization as the first colored American ever to appear before it, the Atlanta civic leader made a visible impression on a packed house as he talked about the issues that brought him prominence.

DR. KING, recognized as America's leading exponent of non-violence, said "the most powerful force that is breaking down the barriers of segregation is the new determination of the colored man himself." He said "the colored citizen has come to feel that he is somebody."

He explained that this was brought about by the social upheavals of two World Wars during which the colored man shifted from his former isolation on the rural plantation and achieved a new economic status in the urban centers of the nation.

"One cannot understand the Montgomery boycott," Dr. King asserted, "without understanding that there is a new colored person on the scene with a sense of dignity and destiny. Thousands of colored people have come to see that it is ultimately more honorable to suffer in dignity than accept segregation in humiliation."

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SPEAKING OF HIS recent experience in Albany Ga., where he elected to go to jail rather than pay a $178 fine, the man who led the Montgomery bus protest in 1956 said a new situation is taking place in the South.

He said that for the first time, instead of freedom riders being rejected from lunch counters and hauled off to jail, they are now being pitched out. This was an obvious reference to his own release last week when "an unknown donor" paid the fines for Dr. King and the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy.

Dr. King said many areas of the South are retreating from a position of "all - out unrestrained resistance to a sophisticated form of delay embodied in tokenism." But he held the view that this southern tactic will prove as vain as earlier efforts to thwart change through massive resistance.

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THE SPEAKER called the church "the most segregated major institution in America. I am ashamed to have to confess that 11 o'clock Sunday morning . . . is the most segregated hour of the week."

Looking to the future, Dr. King left no doubt that re-

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Dr. Williams appointed state instruction supervisor

Dr. Percy Williams, 48, principal of Central Consolidated High School, Harford County, was appointed state supervisor, division of instruction, by the State Board of Education this week.

In his new position Dr. Williams will deal with guidance, juvenile delinquency and dropouts in the state public schools.

He replaces Paul Huffington, who succeeds the late Dr. Willis H. White, as director of the division.

Dr. Williams is a native of Harford County. He has been principal of Central High School since 1950. He has taught in Harford County since 1933.

A graduate of Bowie Normal, Dr. Williams received a B.S. degree from Virginia State College in 1938, a Masters from Temple University in 1941 and his doctorate from New York University in 1955. Both graduate degrees are in education.

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FROM 1933 to 1943, Dr. Williams taught in Harford County and Harve de Grace schools.

He served in the Army from 1943 to 1946 and was discharged as a captain.

Dr. Williams returned to teach part-time in Harve de Grace and act as a part-time elementary school supervisor until 1947.

For three years, he was part-time supervisor and visiting teacher until he was appointed principal at Central in 1950.

Dr. Williams is a member of the Harford County Education Association, a life member of the National Education Association, member of Secondary School Principals and the Phi Delta Kappa honorary teachers fraternity.

He served a two-year term, 1960-62, on the Maryland State Teachers Association executive board as member-at-large and is director of religious education for his church.

Dr. Williams' wife is a teacher in Harve de Grace.

Dixon away, others in 4th against plan

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By STAFF WRITER

Fourth District City Councilman Walter T. Dixon is enrolled in a school of alcoholic studies at Douglass College, Rutgers University, so is not present in the city to register his views on a proposed redistricting plan.

Efforts to reach Mr. Dixon at the school proved futile this morning (Friday). His home reports he has been away three weeks, and will not return until August 1.

Midnight Monday is the last time the Council may submit a plan to the Supervisors of Election for inclusion on the November ballot.

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OTHER FOURTH District councilmen indicated they were opposed to the redistricting plan as proposed by Mayor Grady and Council President Philip H. Goodman.

Maurice J. Soypher said: "I feel there should be sensible planning and redistricting. You can't do it overnight. The Court has ruled there must be redistricting within five years.

"What they're doing is not redistricting, they're dividing districts, pulling out precincts

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Bowie Superintendent Fights For Job

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

"He is incompetent and unable to supervise the department."

"You can't run a maintenance department without tools or when the school refuses to spend money for repairs.

"Every time I ask for something they always tell me 'We don't have any money.' You'll have to wait until July."

These charges were exchanged Wednesday between Dr. William Henry, president of Bowie State Teachers College, and Joseph D. Lee, superintendent of the maintenance department at the school.

They were made at a hearing before State Personnel Commissioner Elmer Davis at the State Office Building.

The hearing resulted after Dr. Henry suspended Mr. Lee on June 22 and asked the commissioner to fire him from his $5,677 per year job.

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DR. HENRY and Charles Woodberry, account clerk, specifically charged Mr. Lee with neglecting the care of vehicles assigned to the school.

Among other accusations listed were:

Failure to properly supervise work of maintenance property, and inability to recognize what needs to be done without being told.

The school officials cited instances where vehicles were operated without oil, leaking gas tanks on school buses, endangering children; installing windows backwards, and destroying locks while attempting repairs.

"We just need a competent superintendent in light of the growth of school," Dr. Henry told the hearing.

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MR. LEE, who has held the job for five years and is eligible for retirement next December, admitted the vehicles and school property are in poor condition, but he put the blame on Dr. Henry and his staff.

"Sure the buses are in bad condition," he said, "they won't have them fixed.

"I don't have the authori-

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JOHN WHITE

WEATHER

The weatherman says sunny and warm today, with a high of 90 predicted.

Saturday will be partly cloudy, continued warm, with scattered thunder showers likely at night. Temperatures will reach into the high 80's.

Sunday, continued warm, with more showers expected in the afternoon.

Catonsville family buried together in single grave

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Ames Methodist Church, Carey and Baker Sts., for the four members of the Butler family of Catonsville who died in a mass murder-suicide Sunday.

The 32 - year old mother, Mrs. Marlene Boulier, and her 68 - year old husband, John H. Butler Sr., were buried side by side in a double grave in Baltimore National Cemetery in full military rites.

Their two children, Leslie, 15, and John Jr., 10, are buried on top of their parents, according to government regulations which allow children under 18 years to be so buried with parents.

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A COUSIN said this is the end Mr. Butler. 16 years older than his wife, wanted.

She told the AFRO: "I don't know all about it. He loved his wife and children, all of them, very deeply . . . deeper than anyone could ever imagine.

"There is your answer as to why he killed them.

"He brooded about his illness. He never wanted to ever be apart from his family, so, he took them to the grave with him."

CATONSVILLE police reported Mr. Butler, who they say went from bedroom to bedroom to kill his wife and two children before turning the single - barrel shotgun on himself, had been ill and was despondent.

Mr. Butler did not bother his stepdaughter, Mrs. Marlene Randall, her husband, Thomas Jr., and their three-year-old daughter, Bernel Andrea, who were sleeping in another bedroom on the second floor.

Prior to the Sunday 5 a.m. time the retired longshoreman started to slay his wife and children in their beds. Mrs. Randall described him as having been an ideal husband and father who provided generously for his family.

Neighbors also told the AFRO the wife and children had everything money could buy. Mr. Butler no longer worked and the family was always seen together.

They reported Mr. Butler

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Funeral was one of largest held here in several years

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

The final days of the Catonsville Butler family tragedy were witnessed by an estimated 3,000 persons from Baltimore, Catonsville and surrounding communities.

They came from Washington, Towson, Bel Air, Turner Station, Sparrows Point as well as from New York and Pennsylvania.

The tragedy which shocked the community, occurred Sunday shortly after dawn when John Butler Sr., 68, killed his wife Mrs. Bernice Butler, 52; his two children, Leslie, 15, and John Jr., 10, in their beds.

To commit suicide, he turned the single - barrel shotgun on himself.

Mrs. Marlene Randall, the dead woman's daughter by a previous marriage, and her hubsand, Thomas Randall who also resided in the comfortable 3-story residence on Leslie Ave., were awakened by the shots but not molested.

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RELATIVES REPORT more than 1,500 persons passed the four caskets in the living room of the home Tuesday.

From 10 a.m. Wednesday to funeral time 1 p.m. at the Ames Methodist Church in Baltimore, viewers passed periodically at the rate of 60 per minute, to total about 8,000.

More than 2,000 persons crowded the church main auditorium, stood around the room, filled the balcony and overflowed into Sunday school rooms in the basement.

An additional crowd lined Baker and Carey Sts. around the church, stood four-deep along Pennsylvania Ave. for two blocks to Gold St. Extended two blocks along Gold St. to Calhoun St. and beyond to watch the 100 - car procession enroute to the Baltimore National Cemetery.

Traffic police officers blocked off all streets within a six-block radius.

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BEFORE SERVICES, morticians from three undertaking firms cooperated to line up the four caskets at the church rail banked by dozens of floral designs.

The caskets of the two children were placed in the center, with the father's on the right, the mother's on the left.

For burial, Mr. Butler was dressed in a blue business suit, a white carnation in his lapel. In a corner of the gray casket was a folded American flag. He was a World

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