HOSPITAL 'INTERNE' DRAWS 3 YEARS

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

There appears to exist considerable confusion in areas slated for renewal development—over the services offered by the Baltimore Urban Redewal and Housing Agency.

Just to what extent does BURHA aid the home-owner who must rehabilitate his property to specific standards set by this agency?

This question was put to Edgar M. Ewing, BURHA's chief of renewal operations, this week.

Here is Mr. Ewing's answer:

The Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, since its inception in 1957, recognized its responsibility for assisting to the fullest extent possible the owners of property in rehabilitation neighborhoods with all their problems.

It is further the philosophy of the Agency that unless this is conscientiously done, many families and property owners may be ill-advantaged.

In order to make residents of a rehabilitation neighborhood meaningful partners in the area upgrading program, a number of social workers are employed in each area to assure that residents have a complete understanding of their responsibilities, as well as the responsibilities of the city.

Citizens are urged to participate in the development of the Urban Renewal Plan for their area and the agency is prepared to include in the plan the wishes of the residents to the fullest extent possible.

THE COMMUNITY Organization workers act as communicators between the people and the city, and the city and the people. This communication operates as a two-way street.

The Community Organization workers are responsible for assuring that, as problems are discovered, the appropriate community service is brought to bear on these problems.

Concern is expressed for any kind of social problem with which a family may be confronted.

Another service, which is provided to all owners of property who are required to improve the structures which they own is the Housing Renewal Estimator.

After the homeowner is advised by the Housing Inspector what improvements have to be made in order for the property to satisfy Urban Renewal Plan standards, the Estimator recommends to the owner the kind of rehabilitation which should be made in order to satisfy the violation notice.

Economy of the repair work is kept in mind at all times and it is the Estimator's job to assure that the property owner is making repairs in the best way possible as well as in the most economical manner.

Advice and guidance is given on structural improvements, the kinds of heating, plumbing, and electrical work which should be done.

He further advises on the best way to remove fire and safety violations. The cost of this work is estimated for the property owner.

As the property owner obtains contracts for doing the work, these contracts are reviewed by the Estimator to assure that the owner is not paying more for the work than he should.

This Housing Renewal Estimator service has proven to be of great value to owners of property who have not had experience in contracting.

AFTER THE cost of the work has been estimated, another service is provided to the property owner by the Property Renewal Investment Advisor.

It is the responsibility of this person to assure that the best arrangements are made for financing the repair.

Lending institutions are contacted and the property owner is taken to lending institutions as he may choose to discuss his eligibility for a loan.

Arrangements are made to include in a new mortgage any existing indebtedness which the property owners may have on his home and to secure as long a period as possible to pay off the new mortgage.

The Property Renewal Investment Advisor will not recommend the borrowing of money at usurious rates of interest and is constantly trying to work out the best financing arrangement possible for the family.

In the event a mortgage cannot be obtained because of present indebtedness or because of other personal circumstances of the owner, the Property Renewal Investment Advisor will exert every effort to use some other resource which the family may have for financing the improvement bill.

All of these services are free and property owners are encouraged to visit the office of this urban renewal area to take advantage of this help.

Too often, property owners get themselves in trouble by not using the services which are offered.

The Urban Renewal Agency has only one objective and that is to help every property owner to the fullest extent possible, to get his improvements made in a manner that is most advantageous to the owner.

This then is Mr. Ewing's statement of BURHA's policy of aid to home-owners required by this agency to renovate their property.

Two big questions now arise:

1. Are the affected people actually aware of this?
2. Are these aids actually being offered?

Indications to the AFRO are that there is a sour note somewhere.

SERVICE OBTAINED — Several visitors from the Caribbean reported that they were first of all received and served in this restaurant in the 1200 block N. Charles St., and served only after a delay of over an hour.

Husband wins divorce, custody of daughter

Tyrone Rice of 77 Grant St., told the court that he thought his conduct as a husband "was something great."

But evidently his wife, Mrs. Helena Rice of Philadelphia, didn't. Mr. Rice said that she tired, packed up and left him.

He was granted a divorce in Circuit Court No. 2, and given custody of their four - year-old daughter. The marriage lasted a year, from January 4, 1958 to January 3, 1959.

MRS. MARY HENRY of Carnersville, N.Y., who also charged that she had been deserted, won a divorce from Lester B. Henry, whose address she said she does not know.

Mrs. Henry testified that she and Mr. Henry came to this city for the funeral services of her mother in February, 1956. She said that Mr. Henry started an argument and returned to New York.

When she arrived home four days later, the wife said, he had taken all of his personal belongings and left.

The Henrys were married on Nov. 21, 1941. Her maiden name, Armstrong, was restored. George Rosedom was her attorney.

JOSEPH RICHARD of 1619 Wolfe St. complained that his marriage to Mrs. Marie Richard, now of Victoria, Va., lasted only three weeks.

The husband testified that he was in the Army at the time, he said, he was on furlough, and he and Mrs. Richard spent 18 days together before he returned to his post.

Thereafter, he said, she wrote him that she did not want him any more, but that he refused to accept her statement until he got out of the Army and could talk to her.

She meant what she said, according to Mr. Richard.

PETITION for divorce has been filed by Irvin H. Turner against Mrs. Ruth Turner of 2314 Harlem Avenue.

Mr. Turner, who gave his address as 3212 Vickers Road, is a teacher at School No. 120.

In his bill, he says that because of lack of mutual interests, he and Mrs. Turner voluntarily ended their marriage in 1955. They were married on June 6, 1948.

Under an agreement he will pay $60 per month for the support of an 11-year-old daughter, who will remain in custody of the mother.

He is to also be responsible for the child's medical and dental bills.

Officer Elzey injured when struck by auto

Officer Gardner Elzey, 42, 2045 Wheeler Ave., was critically injured early this morning (Friday) when he was struck by an automobile at Fremont Ave. and Washington Blvd. University Hospital reported his condition as serious.

The accident occured about 3:45 a.m. as the Southwestern District officer was on his way to the call box at the intersection.

A police wagon, on its way to answer a call from the 600 block Washington Blvd., was struck by another car, driven by a civilian.

The second vehicle bounced off the wagon and struck the officer, tossing him a distance of some 20 feet.

The car continued moving and ploughed into the window of a drug store on the southeast corner.

The driver of the car was listed as Mrs. Beatrice Christian, 54, 800 block Poplar Grove St. Police said she will be charged with failure to obey an automatic signal.

Provident unit plans for approval of new hospital loan

A plan to obtain voter approval of a $2,400,000 bond issue for the construction of a new Provident Hospital, will be presented on Wednesday, August 8, at 8 p.m., at a meeting called by the Citizens Committee for Provident Hospital.

The meeting will be held in the Provident Annex, across the street from the hospital at 1514 Division St.

The state of Maryland has already appropriated $2,400,000 toward the building of the new hospital, but this money will only be forthcoming if the city voters approve the local loan which will appear on the November ballot.

Restaurant advised to serve 43

A group of labor leaders from the Caribbean area received delayed service at Eddie's Restaurant, 1218 N. Charles St., Tuesday, according to the NAACP.

The visitors were served only after the manager consulted his lawyer and a local police lieutenant.

The labor leaders, 43 in number, had been invited by the American Institute for Free Labor Development for a three-month stay in the United States, through the Caribbean Congress of Labor.

Herman E. Herrera, general secretary for the General Workers Development Union in the British Honduras, spokesman for the group said:

"Three members of our group were denied service.

"The manager sent a hired hand to say, 'We don't serve colored people.'

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"WE WERE standing outside of the restaurant. When 13 more of us arrived, the manager locked the door.

"Eventually, a friendly white woman came up. They opened the door for her. We poured in after her. We got in and sat down.

"The manager called the police to arrest us. Lt. William Clump of the Central Police District told the manager that he could not arrest us, but he could arrest him for violating a city law. Lt. Clump advised the manager to serve us.

"The police told us that the manager's lawyer advised him to serve us.

"We ordered and drank coffee."

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THE LABOR leaders made an official complaint to the NAACP, charging Eddie's restaurant with discrimination.

When the AFRO investigated the alleged incident the reporter was told that the "manager is out of town."

A woman accepting telephone orders said that she was the acting manager.

"We all take turns (in managing) and that the manager is not here," she said.

She stated emphatically that the labor leaders "were served." She refused further comment and told the reporter to call a "Mr. Anderson."

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"AS FAR AS I am concerned, it is over and done with," said the Mr. Anderson. He also stated that he

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Readers support plea for abortion

As America watched with interest this week, an Arizona mother lost a plea to the state court for permission to have an abortion.

The mother, Mrs. Sherry Finkbine, took several doses of the drug thalidomide, and physicians fear that her child will be born deformed.

This prediction is based on the fact that thousands of deformed children have been born in Europe to mothers who took the drug, developed as a sleeping pill.

The Arizona mother has decided that since she can not have a legal abortion in this country, she will go overseas where the operation can be performed.

Locally, the Maryland State Health Department is checking physicians who received samples of thalidomide and has reported that none of them gave any of the pills to pregnant women.

In an effort to learn what readers thought about the Finkbine case, and more specifically, whether they felt that the woman should have been permitted to have the abortion, the AFRO questioned a number of its readers this week.

Nine of them said she should have been permitted to have the operation, four were against, and two expressed no clear cut conclusion.

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HERE ARE the answers.

MRS. ALICE PARKER, 1825 W. Mosher St.: "She should have the baby, even if it is deformed, as long as it doesn't make her invalid. She has money. She can afford to hire someone to take care of it."

MRS. PHYLLIS DAVIS, 1901 Longwood St.: "I think it is unfair not to permit her to have an abortion. The chance is too slim for a normal birth."

MRS. LILLIAN GARNER, 2926 Presstman St.: "She should not have the abortion. The decision remains with the good Lord."

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MRS. DELORES HOLMES, 1804 W. Baltimore St.: "If the doctors recommend it, she should have had the abortion. It would be unfair to the mother to give birth to a deformed child."

MRS. FRANCES MOSELY, 600-A Cherry Crest Rd.: "I feel sorry for her, if she has the child, she will be responsible for it. Since the law refuses to make an exception in her case, it should make a financial contribution, if the child is born deformed."

MRS. JOHN WOODS, 5002 Govans Ave.: "She should destroy it. If it comes deformed, she will have to care

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School Board asks record breaking budget for 1963

With a record breaking enrollment of 184,100 pupils forecast for 1963, the Department of Education has asked for a whopping $71,089,762 for next year.

The request was made this week when the department sent its budget to the Board of Estimates.

An additional $904,817 has been requested for the Baltimore Junior College.

The request is $4,111,662 above the School Board's 1962 request and $11,950,320 over the $59,139,242 appropriated for general operating expenditures for the City's public schools in 1962, excluding the Junior College.

State and other special revenue will offset the requested amount by an estimated $17,053,980 in 1963, an increase of $1,359,049 over revenue predicted for 1962.

$54,035,782 would be required from City tax funds in 1963, a net increase from 1962 to 1963 of $10,591,471.

Of the total increase of $11.9 million, approximately $8,635,743 represents the amount needed for instructional services for the full year in 1963.

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THE MAIN factors causing the increase, according to the department are:

(1) The anticipated enrollment increase of 3,800 pupils in 1963, (2) recruitment and retention of qualified teachers, (3) the need to reduce class sizes and (4) provide educational services for a growing number of disadvantaged children;

(4) Putting fully into effect on January 1, 1963, the salary schedule adopted by the School Board in 1962, (5) the staffing, equipping, and operating of new schools, (6) rising costs of operating expenses and instructional materials, (7) needed instructional services, (8) improved maintenance of schools and equipment, and (9) the budget request of the Baltimore Junior College.

184,100 pupils are expected in the fall of 1963. The 3,800 additional pupils in 1963 represent an increase of 2.1 per cent over the 180,300 anticipated enrollment this fall.

Enrollment increases are greatest in special educational programs which are more expensive to operate. Special facilities and equipment are required for physically handicapped children.

Reduction in class size represents a main emphasis in the 1963 budget request. From 1960 to 1961, elementary median class size dropped slightly from 35.5 to 35.4. No progress was made in the secondary schools. Junior high median class size which rose from 31.3 to 32.3 from 1960 to 1961.

...THE opening of eleven

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101 registered this week; registration - 117,038

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, 101.

**Total to date: Aug. 1—117,038.

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Monday	28	7	0
Tuesday	28	10	0
Wednesday	23	5	0

*AFRO weekly tabulations

Guilty of assault at Lutheran

"When a person goes to the hospital for medical care, he or she is entitled to be treated by somebody who is trained and licensed.

"They do not, and should not, expect to be served by anybody else who only wants to satisfy their curiosity."

Speaking was Criminal Court Judge Joseph L. Carter Wednesday while denying a request to release a former Lutheran Hospital orderly on probation.

The orderly, John T. Townes, 22, 500 block N. Fulton Ave., was convicted last May of assaulting a young woman patient in the accident room of the hospital when she went there for treatment in February.

Sentence was delayed pending the outcome of a motion for a new trial, which was denied by the Supreme Bench last month.

Wednesday, Judge Carter sentenced Townes to three years in the Maryland House of Correction.

Turning down the probation request from Walter Self, defense attorney, Judge Carter said:

"I wish I could, but I can't.

"A sentence is necessary, if for no other reason than a deterrent.

"I want this to be a warning to others in similar positions that such acts will not be tolerated."

During the trial, the patient, a 20-year-old coed at Baltimore Junior College,

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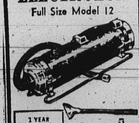
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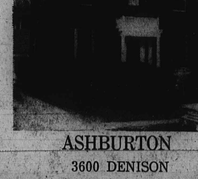
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MISSING — A MOTHER — This young lady was abandoned early Monday morning by a man and a woman at Franklin Square Hospital. Baby X was wrapped in two white towels and appeared to be between 24 to 40 hours old. She had a Miraculous Medal around her neck and is in good health. Anyone having information on the identity of the baby, who is now at City Hospitals, is asked to contact Mr. Harry Hill Whyte at Western Police Station. The nurse is Mrs. Mary D. Fiser.

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The Rev. Martin Luther King does not want your sympathy. He wants you to register and vote.

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FAMILY WILL LOSE ITS HOME, BURHA SAYS IT CAN'T HELP

Agency orders $4,200 repairs to $9,950 house

Since the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency began a renewal project in the Harlem Park area, the agency has been under fire. The principal cause of these attacks has been the inability of persons of modest means to afford the expensive repairs ordered by BURHA . . . Here is the story of one family that is losing its home because of BURHA . . . Here also is BURHA's side of the story.

THE FAMILY

"They said if you can't fix it up you got to sell it. We can't get the money so we had to put the house up for sale. We had no choice," explained Mrs. Willie Mae Mills, 48, 1820 Edmondson Ave.

Mrs. Mills and her truck-driver husband, Bennie Mills, 52, say they have lived in the three - story home because they can't afford about 31 improvements ordered by the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

It does not take a financial wizard to understand why the Mills cannot meet the obligations forced upon them by BURHA — $68-a-week to bring home pay and Mrs. Mills' $15-16 weekly for domestic work, most of which goes for medical expenses.

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THEIR MODEST means simply do not support their home and permit them to keep up with the costs of BURHA ordered improvements in the Harlem Park Renewal Area— which has higher standards than elsewhere.

In the first place, the $1,400 down payment on the $9,950 home—accrued from sale of their other home—left them having to assume a $6,000 mortgage with $24 weekly notes plus a second mortgage of $2,400 on which $50 annual interest is due.

(They start paying on the $2,400 mortgage principal after completing the other.)

Add to that $30.95 monthly which was borrowed to make improvements on a porch, as ordered by BURHA.

On top of that, add another monthly payment of $30 borrowed to install a fire alarm system, also ordered by BURHA.

This totals $161.95 for four-week months and $189.95

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BURHA

Richard L. Steiner, director of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, ordered an immediate investigation Thursday after he learned that Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Mills, residents in the Harlem Park Renewal Area, were blaming BURHA in the impending loss of their home.

A spokesman told the AFRO a check of BURHA records showed:

The Mills were taken to court for a number of violations which constituted a hazard to the lives of the second and third floor tenants and which would have been violations in any multiple dwelling whether in an urban renewal area are not.

That the Mills were informed they could solve the problem by vacating the third floor, in other words, they had a choice of making the repairs or vacating the third floor.

That the $30.95 loan apparently was taken two years before BURHA ordered improvements and that the $50 annual interest is not fixed but little or no time due to sickness in 14 years.

Mr. Steiner said BURHA has urban renewal estimators and investment advisors in the Harlem Park area to help the people make arrangements for improvement work and financing but "we still are getting through to all the people."

Mr. Steiner said every person who gets a notice of improvements to be made gets a letter advising them of the

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Cops look hard, find nothing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

"It was a grand mess and something that was inexcusable."

This was the statement made by Mrs. Evelyn Campbelle, public relations director for Cooke's Beer, Inc., as she described a two-hour "numbers raid" on the headquarters of the firm, that produced exactly nothing in the form of numbers.

Eight cops from the Northern District, headed by Sgt. Leo Metarazzo, were involved in the Thursday afternoon raid on the building at 2211 Fulton Ave., which also houses the office of the Burroughs Realty Co.

As one onlooker described the start of the action, the cops entered the building "like bats out of h—," and produced a warrant that authorized the search for traces of a lottery operation.

Herbert Cook, chairman of the board of Cooke's Beer, invited his attorney, George Russell, who came to the office and was present when the cops went about their assigned duties.

Eight officers, two or them in uniform, and the rest in plain clothes, and one policewoman, were in the raiding party, and as one spectator put it, "they proceeded to take the place apart."

Twenty-two persons were in the building when the raid started, and they were ordered to remain.

Meanwhile, one cop was stationed at the front door and he kept everyone in the employees of the two firms, visitors, a reporter and a news photographer.

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INSIDE THE building, the police made a methodical and meticulous search of every place in the building in which a piece of paper might possibly be placed.

File cabinets, folders, and desks were all subjected to the keen scrutiny of the raiders.

The search was so thorough that the cops made the men take off their shoes and socks.

The policewoman examined

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Rev. King convicted in Albany

BULLETIN

ALBANY, Ga.—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., convicted of disorderly conduct; obstructing a public walk and failing to obey a police officer, walked out of the courtroom this morning for the first time in 11 days after receiving a $200 suspended fine and 60 days probationary sentence.

The probation was on the condition that Dr. King, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Dr. W. G. Anderson and Slater King, co-defendants with King, not take part in any further demonstrations during the next 60 days.

By FRANK HUNT

ALBANY, Ga. — A series of precedent - shattering events this week has ejected a feeling of impending victory in the hard-pressed colored community.

Most observers feel that the coming several days will result in something. Nobody is quite sure what, however.

The telling events were these:

The Justice Department's entry support of the Albany involvement in the Albany Movement in a suit seeking to ban demonstrations. This is the first time the Federal Government has entered into such a suit as a friend of the court, according to local attorneys.

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THE ARRIVAL of a number of ministers of varying denominations and creeds to lend aid in a show of strength of the Freedom Rides of last year.

Judge R. Robert Elliott's postponement of a decision on whether of not to ban demonstrations, leaving the record open for additional information to be supplied by both counsels.

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Dr. King again expressed concern for negotiations

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FIX-UP COSTS TOO MUCH — Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Mills, 1820 Edmondson Ave., say they have been buying since 1953 ordered improvements they say are so costly they will have to give up home they have been paying since

Say Muslims not alone in riots

By CHARLES TYLER

WASHINGTON

"The recent outbreak at the Lorton Youth Center was not entirely the result of Black Muslim unrest but was due in a large degree to a small group of real tough youths," said Donald Clemmer, director of the Department of Corrections, in an interview with the Washington AFRO.

"These boys come from a background of poverty and despair and some identified themselves with the Muslims as a possible escape from the sordid surroundings of their lives outside the Youth Center."

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MR. CLEMMER felt that he had probably made concessions to the group too quickly and that the violence might have been contained had he been less flexible.

The director was very proud of the fact that not one prisoner was hurt by his guards in spite of the extremely trying circumstances of the melee. He felt that the entire affair had been handled in an extremely careful manner.

Mr. Clemmer admitted that there were racial overtones in the second outbreak, because colored inmates were sympathizing with their fellow prisoners who were

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WILL APPEAL VERDICT

Worthy convicted on passport charge

MIAMI — At the end of a two-hour trial, broken by a recess for lunch, AFRO foreign correspondent William Worthy was convicted Wednesday afternoon of reentering his native land Oct. 10 "without bearing a valid passport."

In U. S. District Court here Judge Emett C. Choate found the Boston-born newsman guilty of the first "illegal entry" charge ever brought against a citizen.

Special Government prosecutor Paul Vincent, dispatched from Washington by the Department of Justice, confirmed the defense contention that no previous indictment had ever been brought under section 1185(b) of the 1952 McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act or under identically phrased laws enacted during World Wars 1 and 2.

Workers defense league attorney William M. Kunstler of New York, and American Civil Liberties Union attorney Howard W. Dixon of Miami waived a jury trial because of the hostile racial and political atmosphere in this focal-point metropolis of disgruntled Cuban emigres.

Observers noted only one colored person among the panel members from whom 12 jurors would have been selected.

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THE FIRST Government witness, John Mang, chief of the Domestic Operations Division of the State Department, testified that Worthy has had no passport since his "unauthorized" trip to China in 1957.

U. S. Immigration Officer Louis J. Jordan testified that he had processed the defendant on his arrival at Miami International Airport aboard a Pan American World Airways plane from Havana.

Jordan recalled that Worthy had with him a copy of his birth certificate, immunization card, a baggage declaration and an Immigration Service landing card.

All international airlines distribute the baggage forms and landing cards to passengers during flight.

Claiming that the newsman had illegibly scribbled his answers to the questions, Jordan admitted under cross-examination that he had torn

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If YOU Ask ME

By B. M. PHILLIPS

What a delightful way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

If you drive up the Pa. Turnpike to Route 1, turn off into Roosevelt Parkway and Red Lion Rd., you're bound to find the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Caldwell (Judy).

And, what a beauty spot it is! It sits on an acre of well appointed grounds, complete with pool, barbeque pit, hideaway house, and all the things a heart could desire.

We joined Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cunningham (Gwen), of Charlotte, N.C., here visiting her brother, Dr. James Davidson, and Mr. and Mrs. James McKee (Minnie), also of Charlotte, for an afternoon of rest.

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The Caldwells are grand hosts.

Mrs. Caldwell is an ebony beauty with classic features and dazzling eyes.

The Mr. is wealthy Philadelphia businessman.

Both are excellent cooks.

Mr. Caldwell owns a chain of drycleaning plants (Carl's half hour valet service), and is co - owner, with his brother, Buddy, of Spider Kelly's, the Philly night spot. The Caldwell brothers are natives of Charlotte.

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Later, in Atlantic City, there was a visit to the Shore's famed Club Harlem, where Larry Steele's revue is as sizzling, as they say it is.

Holding forth here was Damita Jo, the gal who can really belt a song. She sang her heart out for a full 30 minutes, without batting an eye.

How can she do it!

Nonetheless, she was pretty as a picture in a sky - blue frock with sequin top, matching shoes.

When she sang the favorite, 'You're Nobody Till Somebody Loves You,' the tiny strap on the left shoulder broke.

Showman that she is, she didn't let it touch her, went right on singing. Whew!

Much in evidence: her husband and manager, Baltimore's Biddy Wood. He adores Damita opens at N.Y.'s Copa next week.

You really don't appreciate brown beauty until you see the lovelies in the Larry

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WEATHER

The weatherman says cloudy and cool today, with the highest in the lower 70s. Tonight, cloudy, lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday, considerable cloudiness and continued cool.

Sunday's outlook, partly clearing and a bit warmer.

Sands' Decision Due At Monday Meeting

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"Many people have asked me to reconsider, . . ."

"It would be premature to tell my position until after the commission meeting Monday."

These comments came Thursday afternoon from Douglas B. Sands, executive secretary, Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, when asked whether he might reconsider and remain in his position.

"One of the reasons I am delaying reconsidering," Mr. Sands said further, "is that there must be some improvements here.

"The merit system should cover every employee in this agency."

Mr. Sands' comments came on the heels of an announcement by William C. Rogers Jr., commission board chairman, that the agency's board would meet in a special session at 9:15 a.m. Monday.

THE MEETING has been called to iron out the hassle that has developed since the revelation a few days ago that Gov. J. Millard Tawes had been asked to create a new top post of executive director for the commission.

Unconfirmed reports are that the position was to be created for S. Edward Smith, a board member since June 1 last year.

Mr. Rogers said Thursday he was responsible for asking for the new position, which would be above that now held by Mr. Sands, but would comment no further.

"We will have a statement after the meeting Monday," he told the AFRO.

When the request for the new position came to light, Mr. Sands tendered his resignation, to become effective Aug. 24.

S. EDWARD SMITH
Promises statement

DOUGLAS SANDS
Asked to stay

Since then, Gov. Tawes has admitted having a request from Mr. Rogers for the new position, but has said he does not look with favor on such a post at this time, because he does not know what is involved.

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THE GOVERNOR said Mr. Sands' work was "more than satisfactory," and delegated a member of his staff to persuade him to remain in his position.

Mr. Smith, who with Mr. Rogers shares the center of this controversy, told the AFRO Thursday:

'I have no knowledge that such a position has been

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