HUSBAND ATTACKS LAWYER IN DIVORCE COURT



Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

There arose in the City Council atmosphere this week a couple of situations so alarming — necessary review of them here is far from a pleasant chore.

Both revolve around Councilman Walter T. Dixon (4th D.) — who for the past eight years has been the lone colored member of that body.

One concerns Mr. Dixon's position on the redistricting ordinance just approved by the Council.

The other points up his too often displayed lack of rightful direction as a councilman representing his district.

In both instances — Mr. Dixon again very forcibly demonstrates he just doesn't represent his colored constituents.

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HE IS still serving with blind ardor his Boss Pollack.

Let's look again briefly to Councilman Dixon's action this week on redistricting — as it affects his own district.

Colored voters are currently a 59 per cent majority in Fourth District.

Plan X up for approval by the City Council would have enlarged this district so as to give colored voters an increase to a 65 percent majority.

But — Councilman Dixon objected.

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THE PROPOSED 65 per cent colored voter majority was too high to please the colored Councilman Dixon — and his Boss Pollack.

This councilman insisted on amendments to the redistricting Plan X — to lower this proposed colored voter majority.

He wanted to extend the new Fourth District boundaries further into his Boss Pollack's almost wholly white and Jewish populated Fifth District territory.

And he and his Fourth District colleague, Maurice Soypher — another Pollack ally — got agreement on their amendments.

As a result, the new Fourth District will have a colored voter majority of 60 percent — rather than the proposed 65 percent.

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THERE WILL be this gain of one percent in colored vote strength — though the Fourth District's boundaries will be greatly enlarged.

Councilman Dixon manipulated this by knocking out 5,000 colored voters who would have been added in the 16th Ward — west of Whitmore Ave. to Ellicott Driveway between Baker St. and Edmondson Ave.

And by adding instead 4,500 white voters in his Boss Pollack's 27th Ward up to Belvedere Ave. — between Reisterstown Rd. and Greenspring Ave.

Actually — this colored councilman tried unsuccessfully to cut the colored vote majority even further in the new Fourth District by going beyond Belvedere to Rogers Ave.

Why, then, would this Mr. Dixon keep down a colored voter majority in the proposed Fourth District — the only one in the city with such?

I asked him this — and I have yet to get a reasonably sensible answer.

HE SAID he was looking ahead to a colored population expansion into the Reisterstown Rd. - Belvedere-Greenspring Ave. area.

There are no evidences of this now.

Councilman Dixon's explanation is far from a sensible reason — if one can be found — for him to kick 5,000 new colored voters out of the proposed Fourth District to add 4,500 whites to it.

The churches, the NAACP, many civic minded organizations have worked hard with register to vote drives — to increase their vote majority in all districts, particularly the Fourth.

It's almost unbelievable this colored Councilman Dixon would throw such a roadblock in the path to political freedom of his own people — just to please his Boss Pollack.

The people oughtn't to let him get away with it.

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HERE IS a gross affront to every colored citizen who hopes for community betterment for his family — whether he lives in Councilman Dixon's Fourth District.

Just a few miles south in Cambridge — young people of the councilman's own race are being jailed because they are attempting to get equality of opportunity.

Still further south at this very moment — more of Councilman Dixon's racial sisters and brothers are suffering unimaginable indignities for even attempting to register as eligible voters.

A vast number of these tormented people are young folks — such as those who attend the councilman's school

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Beat man for few dollars

"Only fate saved me from being murdered for two lousy bucks."

Thus spoke Willie Singleton, 36, 500 block St. Mary's St., while talking to the AFRO Wednesday, after a preliminary hearing for the two men charged with attacking him.

The two men were ordered held for action of the grand jury by Judge Aaron Baer, in Western Municipal Court. They are Harold O'Neal, 18, 2000 block Park Ave., and Theodore Bonds, 25, 2300 block W. Lanvale St.

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JUDGE BAER, before imposing a $5000 bail for both O'Neal and Bonds, on a charge of assault with intent to kill, called the attack "...animal like."

Both men were also fined $100, for disorderly conduct and O'Neal received an additional bail of $1,000 for having a knife in his possession.

Mr. Singleton, a tall heavy-set man, appeared in court with his left eye badly swollen and cuts on his face and neck. He said that after he had been knifed, his assailants beat him with their fists and garbage can tops.

The battered victim accused the two men of discussing after he had been beaten into a semi-conscious condition, whether he was dead or not.

"Before leaving me there," he said, "one of them said, 'Let's make sure he's dead so he can't talk,' the other one said, 'Oh, he's dead alright, let's go.'"

According to Mr. Singleton the incident occurred Monday afternoon when he was approached by two men in front of a tavern in the 1000 block Druid Hill Ave.

"One of them came up to me and said he wanted the $5 that I had borrowed from my landlady. I still don't know how he knew I had borrowed the money.

"I told him that I don't have any $5, because I had spent some of it and I only had a few bucks left. That's when one stabbed me with a knife and they began to beat me."

Mr. Singleton fell into the street at Biddle St. and Druid Hill Ave., as a crowd gathered. He was taken to Maryland General Hospital where he was treated for a stab wound in his abdomen and laceration on his face and neck. He received more than 100 stitches.

Bonds and O'Neal were arrested after a chase, police said.

Hyman credits tan vote margin

Hyman A. Pressman, newly - elected comptroller, acknowledged his debt to colored voters when he spoke at a meeting of the Frontiers Club, Tuesday.

"I won by more than 4,700 votes in the AFRO precincts, which are, as you know, predominantly colored," said Mr. Pressman.

Of the 263,866 votes cast for comptroller, Mr. Pressman squeaked by challenger Henry R. Hergenroeder by only 5,850 votes.

Exclaimed Mr. Pressman, who wore a patriotic sunflower in his lapel: "This is the first time that I have tasted victory, personally. It's just a wonderful feeling."

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SEARCHING FOR a reason for his newest achievement, Mr. Pressman attributes his victory neither to himself nor to his party, but to Providence.

The new comptroller stated that only a Great Mind could have created the events as they had happened.

Mr. Pressman, a Democrat, ("I ran to bring a bipartisan governments to this city," he said), ran on a ticket with two Republicans, Mayor - elect Theodore R. McKeldin and loser for the city council presidency, Robert Gerstung.

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IN A question and answer session after the speech, Henry G. Parks, newly - elected, Fourth District councilman, re-emphasized to the Controller that "... we have real, fair employment in the city (agencies)."

Mr. Parks said that the city has to present a face of fair employment as an example to industry and to other cities in the country.

To emphasize the important role race plays in city agencies, Mr. Parks said that he received a form on which he had to apply for

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ALL THIS FOR $5 — Victim Willie Singleton, 36, 500 block St. Mary's St., badly beaten and knifed, awaits ambulance in a semi-conscious condition after he was assaulted and robbed near Biddle St. and Druid Hill Ave., last Monday afternoon. Mr. Singleton was taken to Maryland General Hospital where he received 124 stitches for knife wounds.

Warns judge he will kill wife

"I didn't get frightened until I thought about it later. If he had had a knife or gun, I would have been gone."

Robert B. Watts, attorney, was commenting on one of the weirdest incidents ever to unfold in court.

Mr. Watts was defending Mrs. Myrna J. Smothers, 2500 block Round Rd., in Circuit Court No. 2 Tuesday.

Mrs. Smothers, mother of four children, was contesting the divorce action brought by her husband, John H. Smothers, a 6-foot-6, 230 pound stevedore and private detective.

After Mrs. Smothers testified she loved her husband and was opposed to divorce because of religious beliefs, Judge Meyer Cardin denied Mr. Smothers a divorce. He contended his wife had constructively deserted him.

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UPON HEARING the verdict, Mr. Smothers fixed his eyes on Mr. Watts in an icy stare. Without warning, he dived on the attorney and knocked him over, chair and all.

"My first thought was to clip him on the chin," the former judge recalled later, "but I thought of the dignity of the court and tried to tackle him."

Before the lawyer could unwind himself out of the chair, his hefty assailant landed on target full force, both winding up in a struggling heap on the floor of the courtroom.

By the time startled attendants subdued the enraged husband, Mr. Watts had sustained a laceration of the left fore head, a knot on his left leg and a swollen right leg.

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JUDGE CARDIN ordered Mr. Smothers jailed for contempt of court. As he was being forcibly removed from the courtroom, he yelled to the judge:

"Judge you can bring in 200 policemen, if I ever get out of this I'm going to kill her (his wife)!"

Mrs. Smothers, seated next to Mr. Watts, fled to the bench and stood behind Judge Cardin.

Mr. Smothers testified that his wife kept having him arrested, put his clothes on the porch, ordered him out of the house and had hindered him from visiting his children, one of whom he denied fathering.

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HOWEVER, ON cross examination, Mr. Watts forced Mr. Smothers to admit that he had been visiting the children and had lived briefly with his wife since they first separated.

He also admitted that the last child was born as a result of this co-habitation.

The lawyer also introduced a post card Mr. Smothers wrote his four children and pictures showing him and his wife in warm embrace at the time they were allegedly estranged.

When the judge ruled against him, tears began streaming down Mr. Smothers' face and his body shook with anger. He sailed on Mr. Watts without warning.

"I'm convinced that had he known he was going to lose the case he would have brought a weapon and that would have been the end of me and the wife," the attorney observed.

Judge Cardin has not set a hearing on the contempt charge and Mr. Smothers was still in jail late Thursday.

17 new appointments made in schools; new Lemmel principal

Seventeen changes in assignments were approved on Thursday by the Board of School Commissioners.

Included was the appointment of Miss Vivian L. Cord, vice principal of Pimlico Elementary School No. 233, to become area director of elementary schools.

All appointments are effective Sept. 1, 1963.

The retirement of Miss Hermione Wharton, principal of Lemmel Junior High, in July, was also announced.

To succeed her at Lemmel, the Board approved Superintendent George Brain's appointment of W. Norris Weis, who once served as vice principal.

For the past year, however, Mr. Weis has been on leave to the city to serve as executive director of the Baltimore Youth Commission.

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Miss Wharton's retirement ends a career of 44 and a half years in the Baltimore schools. She became the first principal of Lemmel when it opened four and a half years ago.

Prior to that she had been principal at Cherry Hill and No. 101 and vice principal at Douglass High School.

She comes from a **school teacher family which has given distinguished service to the Baltimore schools. Her father, the late Heber, was one of this city's first colored principals.**

He had served 20 years before his death in 1936. Her mother, Mrs. Pauline Wharton, popular in music education gave 23 years.

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Two sisters have also given long service. Mrs. Constantia Jackson, 33 years before she retired from the system, after her husband, Dr. Houston R. Jackson became assistant superintendent. Another sister, Mrs. Pauline Bond, is counselor at School No. 181.



MISS WHARTON



MR. WEIS

Of her retirement Miss Wharton said, "Yes, I have been looking forward to it. But after everybody else gets through crying, I guess I will be too."

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NEW VICE principal at Lemmel will be William E. Spencer, now special assistant at Dunbar High.

Terry D. Biller, now now special assistant at Lemmel, becomes vice principal at Harlem Park Junior High No. 78.

Cyrus Marshall, now Lemmel vice principal, is the new vice principal at Houston Junior High No. 181.

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Two other key appointments involve the principalships of three of the city's larger schools.

To Western High (for girls), goes Miss Dorothy M. Kell, now supervisor of English.

To City College goes Julius G. Hlubb, now principal of Southern High.

To succeed him at Southern, Oscar L. Heim, presently vice principal.

Mrs. Annette C. Johnson, now vice principal in charge of Saratoga Junior High No. 182 was transferred to the vice principalship of Fairmount Hill Junior High, effective July 1.

The new high school-principalships were occasioned by the retirements of Henry Yost at City and Miss Nanette Blackiston at Western.

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Other appointments approved:

Raymond N. Donelson principal of Benjamin Franklin Elementary and Junior High, No. 239, is to succeed Dr. Kenneth Horvath, as principal of Hampstead Hill Junior High No. 43. Dr. Horvath was recently named director of personnel.

Mrs. Anne L. Barlage, principal of the Roland Park Elementary and Junior High School No. 233, transferred to the principalship of the Rock Glen Elementary and Junior High School No. 80.

Mrs. Edna R. Carter, principal if the Canton Elementary and Junior High School No. 230, appointed principal of the Benjamin Franklin Elementary and Junior High School No. 239.

Mrs. Virginia H. Young, principal of the Hampden Elementary School No. 55, appointed principal of the Canton Elementary and Junior High School No. 230.

Edward L. Biller, Jr., supervisor of geography, appointed principal of the Roland Park Elementary and Junior High School No. 233.

Miss Mary C. Parker, now vice-principal of the Eastern High School, appointed department head of history at Eastern.

Vice principals Olga V. Bawden from the Forest Park High School to the Eastern High School; Virginia H. Roeder from the Hamilton Junior High School to the Forest Park High.

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THE SALARY committee of the Public School Teachers' Association of which Carroll Wagner and James E. Wall are co-chairmen, appeared before the Board.

They urged consideration of a three-year salary goal, estimated at 23 million dollars (13½ million for 1964), for inclusion in the next budget.

They visualized this could be achieved by advancing the minimum salaries of teachers with the bachelor's degree from $4800 to $5600.

The maximum obtainable under the four-year category would be $10,500 after 14 years service, as opposed to the present four-year category maximum of $8200 after 18 years.

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IN ADDITION to Mr. Wagner and Mr. Wall, others speaking for the teachers' association were Thomas G. Bunk, president; John M. Belcher and Jack W. Jordan.

The teachers' group again recommended to the board the adoption of a program of paid life, hospital, medical and surgical insurance for all education personnel.

A further suggestion if accepted, would expand the school aide program and extend senior teacher classification into elementary schools for those now serving as teaching team leaders.

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The school vandalism report for the first quarter of the year showed window breakage down 17 per cent, and a substantial increase in recovery of stolen monies and materials.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS accepted with thanks were from: Prince Hall Masons, $300 annual scholarship for an standing male grad at Dunbar High;

Postal Wives' Club Inc., $100 award to deserving Dunbar High graduate; award, by from Eastern High Senior Class of large metallic letters, worded 'Eastern High School' for the north wall of the school.

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Retirements noted: Mrs. Martha P. Allen, teacher, School No. 95; Vernon H. Byus, vocational supervisor, School No. 519; Douglass J. Camper Sr., teacher, No. 182; Mrs. Sadie Meltzer, teacher, School No. 13; Mrs. Mary Regan, teacher, No. 27; and Mrs. Martha A. Reid, teacher No. 107.

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STUDY LEAVES of absence from Sept. 1, 1963 to June 30, 1964, were granted the following teachers; John J. Allen City College; Mrs. Nancy L. Boyer, Pimlico Junior High; Thomas Davis, Edmondson High and Miss Dianne E. Francesconi, Hampstead Hill Junior High. Leave from Sept. 1963 to June 1964 was granted Stabbatical leaves of absence from Sept. 1963 to June 1964, to engage in full programs of study were Arnold J. Brown Jr., Lemmel Junior High; and Dan S. Hancock Jr., Hamilton Junior High Librarian.

Elementary teachers whose resignations were noted: Mrs. Frances C. Cunningham, Mrs. Anabel S. Dyson, B. Dee Noonberg, Mrs. Sheila Rosenfeld, Mrs. Germaine M. Rosenthal and Mrs. Patricia A. Rudie.

Hospitals are expensive

Hospitals are getting more expensive.

That's the gist of a report issued this week by the Hospital Cost Analysis Service, Inc., which compared costs for the 12 month period ending June 30, 1962, with the same period ending June 30, 1961.

The increase was 4.63 per cent, which sent the per diem rate to $34.79.

Payroll costs continued to take a major portion of the hospital's dollar, the report pointed out.

The percentage of payroll costs to total expenditures (exclusive of depreciation) in the twelve months ended June 30, 1962 amounted to 64.45 per cent as compared to 63.78 per cent in the period ended in 1961.

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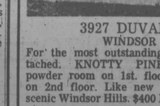
Fatal fight comes outside E'side tavern

A 28-year-old man was killed Tuesday morning as a result of stab wounds received during a brawl in front of a tavern in the 1300 block Washington St.

Earl Watson, of the 1500 block Lamont Ave., was pronounced dead on arrival at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Robert K. Harvell, 24, 1700 block N. Milton Ave., has been charged with the homicide and another man is being held by police pending further investigation.

According to a report filed in the Eastern District, by Sgt. Arthur Cook, patrolmen were called to the hospital when the victim was brought into the hospital by his brother, Kenneth Watson, 25, 2024 E. Preston St.



IN TRAINING — Airman Lawrence C. Kirk, left, son of John W Kirk, 2715 Bookert Drive, and Airman Charles Johnson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Johnson of 2326 Harlem Ave., have been assigned to McGuire AFB ,N.J., for training as Air Force air policemen. Airman Kirk is a graduate of Baltimore City College and Airman Johnson is a graduate of Carver and attended Morgan College.

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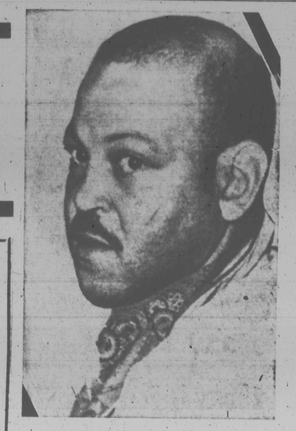
Temperatures will average near normal, below normal at beginning of five-day period starting today (Friday). Scattered showers expected first of the week. Normal for period in area is 74 highs, 54 to 61 lows.

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ACCUSED SPY MUST FACE SECOND TRIAL



NELSON CORNELIUS DRUMMOND
The battle is not over

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The Family

"We are thankful that things have turned out this way so far, but there is still a long way to go. We are hoping and praying for the best."

That was the guarded reaction Thursday of the mother and father of a son in trouble after learning that his fate is still shrouded in the cloak of uncertainty.

But there was still room for subdued gladness—and they were glad.

Their son, Yeoman 1/C Nelson Cornelius Drummond, had been on trial for eight days. He was charged with spying for Russia.

Maximum penalty for spying is death.

Yeoman Drummond was not convicted—nor was he freed. But for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson A. Drummond of Northwest Baltimore, there's still reason for hope.

The 33-year-old Navy man with 16 years' service behind him was held in animated suspension when an all-male jury was unable to reach a verdict after 26 hours' deliberation.

Eleven jurors voted for a guilty verdict, but the 12th held out for acquittal.

His mother, Mrs. Daisy Drummond, upon hearing the jury was hung told the AFRO:

"I don't know what to say. I believe what they are saying, but I just want to hear it again. You can just say I'm still hoping and praying."

Mr. Drummond said he and his wife attended the first part of their son's trial in the U.S. Courthouse in Foley

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The Man

NEW YORK — The government made it clear on Thursday that it is not through with Nelson Cornelius Drummond, 33, the Baltimore born career sailor accused of spying for the Russians.

After 26 hours of deliberation the jury that heard the eight-day trial informed Federal District Judge Edward Weinfeld that it was hopelessly deadlocked.

The vote was 11-1 for conviction. There was one colored juror on the all male panel, Edward L. Watkins, who was the lone holdout for acquittal.

Watkins said race had nothing to do with his decision but that against conviction on the spy charge which would carry the death penalty.

The judge accepted the decision, dismissed the jury and promptly set June 3 as the date for a new trial for the accused spy.

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HE ALSO refused a request by defense attorney, William C. Chance, Jr., to reduce the $100,000 bail which was placed on Drummond immediately after his arrest last Sept. 28.

The convicted Drummond could be sentenced to death, but the government is not asking for the supreme penalty.

Drummond, born in Baltimore, attended School No. 132, Booker T. Washington Junior High and Douglass High before enlisting in the Navy at the age of 17.

THE GOVERNMENT concluded its case against the Yeoman First Class last Friday after introducing evi-

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Real trouble with the EOC

By RALPH MATTHEWS JR.

The least to be expected from Baltimore's Equal Opportunities Commission is that its members support, in theory and practices, equal opportunities.

Yet, as has been publicly charged, most recently by Councilman Henry G. Parks, some of the EOC commissioners are as out of place in this sensitive agency as the late Adolph Eichmann would have been at a B'nai B'rith banquet.

As will be reported here, at least two of the EOC commissioners are badly miscast.

Further, the chairman of EOC a well-heeled doctor, as recently as last Friday made a statement that indicated his view on racial conditions are at least 50 years behind the times and without meaning in this new world.

Still further, a majority of the commissioners give no impression that they understand the urgency of Baltimore's becoming a city where open and democratic employment is the rule, not the exception.

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THIS WRITER saw the Commission in action - or inaction - on Friday, when Dr. Raymond V. Rangle, chairman of EOC, called a special meeting in his elegant upper St. Paul St. medical suite.

Purpose of the meeting was to formally consider a survey research report by Dr. Bernard Levinson, sociology professor at Johns Hopkins University. The survey was a comparison of jobs and ages of graduates at nearly - white Mergenthaler Vocational High School and all - colored Carver Vocational School.

EOC had requested that this study be done. Dr. Levinson complied. EOC paid for the cost of research.

Dr. Levinson's survey showed that Carver graduates earned more than and worked less frequently then did Mergenthaler graduates.

THEN THE commissioners began. Robert B. Watts, one of the two colored commissioners, commented that the Levinson report served as a document what colored Baltimoreans already knew: that there is racial discrimination in hiring.

It was Mr. Watts' position, that with this evidence on hand, EOC should present the facts to the public and press ahead to get equal pay and opportunities for minority vocational school graduates.

What Mr. Watts was saying in essence was that the Levinson report showed EOC what to do and what direction in which to head.

His remarks were blunted, however, by two commissioners whose approach to employment and race was something a taxpayer might not expect to encounter on a board of people presumably dedicated to achieving liberality in hiring.

People with knowledge of the Commission had warned me beforehand what to expect and my own research into the inner workings of the Commission should also have prepared me - but nothing takes the place of direct confrontation.

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THE FIRST of these two commissioners was William Tutten. He launched a questioning of Dr. Levinson's statistics. This is a perfectly legitimate procedure for a Commissioner to follow; accuracy of a report is of prime concern.

But in light of Mr. Tutten's prior history in EOC and the tone of his queries to Dr. Levinson a different interpretation can be placed on his words. I took no notes during this dialouge between Tutten and Levinson because part of being a writer is knowing when NOT to take notes.

For it seemed that Mr. Tutten was raising a fine point of arithmetic. What he was saying about Dr. Levinson's data was not important but what Tutten was doing was very important however. Tutten was chipping away at the reliability of the report.

The total picture thus far. A report has been compiled. Its conclusions are that rank discrimination in employment and wages of black youth who finish one of Baltimore's two technical high schools is wide-spread.

A colored member of EOC comments that this is already known and that EOC must do something about it.

Then a white member, Mr. Tutten, begins haggling on statistics. For what purpose? If the Commission had become bogged down in figures then the real issue - that former graduates get the short end of the employment stick - might have been lost in all the niggling over data. Was this Mr. Tutten's purpose?

Mr. Tutten quoted down. My only written notes of his conversation during this time was that "I started out as a lawyer but ended up as something else." It was this "something else" Mr. Tutten mentioned that I will go into later for it has even greater meaning than this gentleman intended at the time.

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NEXT CAME Mrs. Emil Hennings Jr., one of the two women EOC commissioners. Like Mr. Tutten she was not so sure that Dr. Levinson's

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Blueprint For Integration



JOYFUL ARREST — In Knoxville, Tenn., this young girl sang praises of joy as she was carried to the police patrol wagon during demonstration against segregation at a local theatre last week.

Protest round-up

Peaceful demonstrations and increased talks by bi-racial groups held the spotlight as tense Birmingham simmered and attention was focused on the next expected federal-state integration showdown at the University of Alabama.

As President Kennedy committed himself to send troops to the university if necessary to uphold court-ordered integration in June, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace pledged to personally block colored students from registering at the university.

Meanwhile, 4,000 demonstrators marched in Greensboro, N.C. for the 12th straight day Wednesday without arrests. As they peacefully paraded past segregated theatres and other targets in a slight rain, a 19-member bi-racial group met to discuss a solution.

Another 200 demonstrated in Raleigh, N.C. and elsewhere in the state bi-racial units met in Winston-Salem and in Durham.

Most of the demonstrators in the North Carolina protests were college students.

The Alabama Supreme Court ruled Thursday that newly elected Mayor Albert Boutwell and a new City Council are entitled to take office immediately.

Segregationist police commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor thus has been stripped of his official power. Connor, along with Mayor Arthur J. Harris and Commissioner J. T. Waggoner, had refused to give up their posts since the April 2 run-off election.

Youth badly beaten in arrest

A gasp fluttered through the courtroom when police brought James Parker, 19, to stand before Judge I. Sewell Lamdin, in Western Municipal Court, Thursday.

Mr. Parker of the 2900 block of W. Lanvale St., had been beaten by the police the day before in the 500 block of Pulaski St.

His face was swollen, both eyes were puffed and nearly closed; patches were placed over both eyes, on his chin, behind one eye and on the back of his head.

His shirt and trousers were spotted with blood.

His wrists and hands appeared to be swollen and bruised.

The youth was charged with three counts of an assault on three policemen and an additional charge of alleged disorderly conduct.

Milton Allen, the youth's lawyer, requested Judge Lamdin to delay the preliminary hearing for a week.

"I just got this case this morning," Mr. Allen told the judge, "and I would like to talk to the boy and to get witnesses to prepare a case."

Judge Lamdin granted the delay until May 31, and he

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Projects - Good or Bad?

Last week writer James Baldwin was quoted to the effect that colored people hate public housing projects.

Baldwin was commenting on the towering housing projects in his native Harlem but similar feelings are apparent in colored communities elsewhere and Baltimore is no exception.

"I'm afraid to take the self - service elevator in my building," a teen - age girl who lives in the new Lexington Terrace project told the AFRO. "Kids from outside and grown men too get on and do things like stop the car between floors and you could scream all night and no one would hear you."

It scares me to ride up to my apartment by myself."

But the element of danger is just one objection many public housing project tenants raise.

"What I don't like about this place," said a young housewife with several children, "is that housing projects look like housing projects. Sometimes I stand outside and look at this building and ask myself if I weren't better off on China Street. It was a run-down neighbor-

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4,000 hail victory over school board

By CLIFF MACKAY
AFRO Staff Correspondent

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A jubilant, hilariously happy, screaming, flag - waving mass of 4,000 freedom fighters staged a mammoth victory celebration that almost tore the roof off historic St. James Church here Wednesday night.

Climaxing 50 days of a bitter struggle against segregation, the singing and handclapping celebration was triggered by the announcement that the School Board had been ordered to re-admit 1,081 expelled school children.

The order by Chief Judge Elbert Tuttle, of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, ended a momentous day of swiftly moving events.

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"WE HAVE been vindicated," shouted a smiling Dr. Martin Luther King, to the joyful assemblage.

"Segregation is having rough sailing in Alabama these days. Black men the world over have come to a new sense of destiny. I feel right good. I'm happy tonight. If I never get there, I've seen the promised land."

In granting a temporary restraining order preventing the School Board from ousting children who participated

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Launch fight for control of City Council

By MAX JOHNSON

A rough and tumble power play for control of the new City Council was launched by two powerful political factions Thursday afternoon against the Administration forces, immediately after the new Council members were sworn in office.

The Fourth and Fifth District Pollack faction gathered the Reed-Gallagher Third District machine to make the grab for power.

The net results were a three - hour and 55 - minute hassle behind closed doors, and a postponement of scheduled Council organization and initial business until Monday evening.

At stake were a number of patronage jobs and key posts both in and outside the new Council.

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THESE INCLUDED clerkships in the Council, posts in the mayor's office, key com-

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Ala. told it has to obey law

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — President Kennedy made it clear Wednesday that he will carry out court orders and permit no one — not even Alabama's Governor — to bar the way to enrollment of two colored students at the state university.

The Chief Executive told a news conference that he hopes Federal intervention in the affairs of the University of Alabama will be unnecessary and that the court-ordered integration will be settled by local authorities themselves.

He added that he hoped "law abiding people" in Alabama would accept the court orders and admit the students, but he declared that the orders of the court "must be carried out."

MR. KENNEDY said he

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Top Figures To Appear At Local NAACP Meet

The Maryland State Conference of NAACP Branches will celebrate the recent Sit-In decisions and the ninth anniversary of the school desegregation decision of the U. S. Supreme Court this Saturday, May 25, at the 23rd annual State Conference of Sharp Street Memorial Methodist - Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president, announced this week.

Gloster B. Current, national NAACP director of Branches, who will fly up from Jackson, Miss. where he is coordinating a state-wide desegregation drive, and Berl I. Bernhard, staff director of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission, will be presented awards for their superior leadership in the cause of civil rights.

Mrs. Gloria Richardson, chairman of the Cambridge Non-Violent Action Committee, and NAACP Executive Board Member; Mrs. Mabel St. Clair Booth, and her 17-year-old daughter, Donna Richardson, will be presented a special award for their courageous leadership in going to jail to arouse all citizens to eliminate the racial injustice currently practiced in that historic Eastern shore community.

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