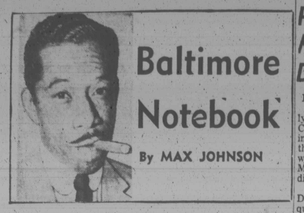
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Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

At least 17 appointments to seven key city commissions and boards face the city's new Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin within the next few weeks.

The question of whom is placed where will draw the attention of all civic - minded persons — particularly colored citizens who have no representation on three of them.

Mayor McKeldin will give high evidences by these appointments the direction he plans to lead this city in the next four years — and just what kind of start has been made.

The seven commissions and boards and their expired terms of members — either now or by July 1 — are:

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS — three: Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals — two; Planning Commission — one; Civic Center Commission — two; Board of Recreation and Parks — two; Jail Board — two; Equal Opportunity Commission — five.

Three of these are salaried posts.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals pays its chairman $8,800 a year, and its five members $8,062 each.

The Board of Fire Commissioners has a $3,000 yearly salary for its president, and $2,500 each for its two members.

The Planning Commission carries a $5,000 salary for its chairman — and $1,313 for each of its six members.

And the Planning Commission is the only one of the three with a colored representative — Dr. Robert L. Jackson, a veteran member.

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THE BOARD of Municipal and Zoning Appeals handles review of valuation and assessment of all taxable properties, is empowered to grant exceptions to Zoning Ordinance in rezoning properties — and other vital issues affecting properties.

The Board of Fire Commissioners has jurisdiction over the city's integrated Fire Department and the municipal ambulance service.

Yet, neither of these very vital agencies has a colored representative — though colored citizens form a third of the city's population.

Here, indeed, is something for Mayor McKeldin's serious attention.

Surely — one of those upcoming two posts on the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals should go to one of the any number of qualified colored citizens about.

One of those three seats on the Board of Fire Commissioners should be filled by a colored citizen.

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THE COLORED population ratio is much too high—as are the qualifications and standards generally of these citizens — to be further denied participation as a whole in city affairs.

The seven - member Civic Center Commission, where two expired terms face the Mayor, is another agency without colored representation.

Colored citizens have already held and participated in such a number of affairs at this Center — their representation on this commission should be one of the first moves of the Mayor.

He has two Republican appointments to make here.

Looking further — the expired terms of two members of the Board of Recreation and Parks will come July 1.

They are those of J. Alvin Jones, former Fourth District senator and lone member of his race on this six-member board, and James H. Gorges.

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THE JAIL BOARD will have the expired terms of Joseph Palladi and Michael Fox up also on July 1.

The more sensitive of this group of city agencies with unsalaried posts is the Equal Opportunity Commission—where five appointments face Mayor McKeldin.

Chief concern of Mayor McKeldin now will not be with racial appointments to this already integrated commission — but of appointees ready and willing to advance the aims of the agency.

Lack of a complete board of such sympathetic members has been one of EOC's major roadblocks.

Here, then, are some major commission and board

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Parks joins McKeldin, D'Alesandro

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Henry G. Parks Jr., newly elected 4th District City Councilman, told 300 cheering supporters Tuesday night that he has aligned himself with the administration of Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin.

At a victory rally held at District Democratic headquarters, Parks partisans gathered to celebrate the businessman's election to the council.

In a rousing speech in tune with their mood, Mr. Parks promised his constituents that he would be a "working councilman."

"I'm not going to City Council to be liked," he declared. "I don't give a damn whether they like me or not.

"I'm going there to work . . . to work for their respect and cooperation."

"Only through respect for the fact that I represent you, and their cooperation will I be able to serve the needs of the Fourth District," the councilman declared.

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MR. PARKS said he understands that a faction opposed to Mayor McKeldin's administration is being formed in the council.

"I have pledged myself to work with the mayor and young Tommy D'Alesandro (City Council President), in order to secure for this district what its people are entitled to," he told wildly cheering audience which packed every nook and cranny of the headquarters building.

In addition to working for his constituency, Mr. Parks pointed out, "I want to help create a feeling of being free" in Baltimore.

"I want to make it a popular thing in Baltimore to be a liberal."

Without mentioning his name, the new councilman panned Walter T. Dixon, who began his third term as a 4th District lawmaker Thursday.

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"I WAS shocked when I went to the council the other day to sign the payroll application," he stated.

"The first thing I saw on the blank was race."

"What the hell has my race to do with it?" he asked, adding:

"We don't have to take this. Why have we been taking it all these years? Why hasn't someone said something about it?

"They aren't ready. But we are and I hope to God they get ready!"

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OTHER SPEAKERS lauding the workers whose efforts helped Mr. Parks lead the ticket in the May 7 election were Sen. Verda F. Welcome and Raymond V. Haddaway, who managed Mr. Parks' campaign.

All agreed with the new councilman who proposed this method of bringing progress to the district:

"We must talk big, think big, plan big and work big!"

To illustrate the growth of the Democratic organization, Mrs. Welcome asked all persons who worked in her campaign when she successfully ran for a seat in the House of Delegates. A few widely - scattered hands pointed skyward.

The number increased progressively as Mrs. Welcome recounted all elections since.

When she reached the last one where Mr. Parks became the second councilman of color from the district, all hands showed.

"We are on our way," the lady senator declared and the audience agreed with prolonged applause.



CONSECRATION — Mayor and Mrs. Theodore R. R. McKeldin bow heads while the Rev. J. Timothy Boddie offered consecration prayer as the reception in City Hall began following inauguration ceremonies in the War Memorial Building.



NEW COUNCILMAN— Baltimore's newly elected Mayor Theodore McKeldin, left, extends greetings to Henry G. Parks, newly elected councilman from the Fourth District. Mr. Parks, president of the large sausage company which bears his name, is the second councilman from the District.

New Mayor reclaims old City Hall job

Mayor Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin repeated Tuesday a ritual he performed 20 years and three days ago - he became the city's chief executive.

For his inauguration as the mayor of Baltimore for the second time "Mr. Republican" wore the same outfit he wore two decades ago, including morning attire and Homburg hat - and all fitted perfectly.

In an address to an estimated 1,500 persons who crowded into the War Memorial Building when threatening skies cancelled out plans to hold the ceremony in the Plaza, Mr. McKeldin was in rare oratorical form as he called for an immediate solution to city ills which seem "ancient" and meeting the "bold challenge" presented by the Baltimore of tomorrow.

Mr. McKeldin, who ousted Democrat incumbent Mayor Philip H. Goodman by 4,800 votes in the May 7 Municipal election, took the oath of office from James P. Carney, clerk of Superior Court.

He in turn administered the oath to his running mate, "fusion Candidate," Hyman A. Pressman, who deserted the Democrats after losing at tight comptroller race in the primary to Henry R. Hergenroeder.

In a rare "second shot" at Mr. Hergenroeder, Mr. Pressman, "watchdog of public morality," swamped his opponent.

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THE 45-MINUTE ceremony, witnessed by high-ranking state and city officials, was punctuated by applause as Mr. McKeldin pledged himself to the task of strengthening the commercial, social and cultural fiber of the city.

Others participating in the inauguration were Bishop Lawrence J. Sheehan, Archbishop of the Baltimore, invocation; Rabbi Morris Lieberman, inauguration prayer;

Clarence A. Zarfoss, chairman, inaugural ceremonies, presented the City Hall Flag; Bishop Edgar A. Love, bishop of the Baltimore Area Conference of the

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Interracial unit calls for action

A Nazi-styled hate group has worked through the winter making plans for racial agitation and riots at the Riverside Swimming pool this summer, the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations warned this week.

Working with the Coordinating Council for Civic Unity, the Commission has called on public officials and other leaders to use "to the fullest extent the broad powers of their offices to prevent a recurrence of racial ing in the South Baltimore area."

Two weeks ago Police Commissioner Bernard Schmidt told the AFRO he was hoping their would be no trouble at the swimming pool this summer and that his department would tolerate no disorder.

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THERE WAS serious trouble in the Riverside area last summer when white mobs sought to prevent colored youngsters from using the city - owned pool.

William C. Rogers Sr., chairman of the interracial commission, told the contacted officials, "We cannot permit Baltimore to become another Birmingham."

Letters went out to Gov. J. Millard Tawes, Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, City Council President Thomas D'Alesandro and others.

Parren Mitchell, new executive secretary of the commission, said his unit is gravely concerned about the possibility of violence at the pool this summer.

Henderson Center to give sports awards

The annual sports awards program of the Elmer Henderson Recreation Center will be held Friday afternoon (May 31) at 3:15 o'clock at School 101, Wolfe and Biddle Sts.

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Mrs. Viola Gentt, Douglass High cashier dies; funeral Saturday

By B. M. PHILLIPS

Mrs. Viola Gentt, 2433 W. Lafayette Ave., for 16 years the friendly cashier at Douglass High School, died on Wednesday.

She had suffered a heart ailment for several months, and had been in and out of the hospital since February.

The fatal seizure came Tuesday. She died shortly after admission to Hopkins Hospital.

Mrs. Lillian Murphy, Douglass High principal, called news of the unexpected death of Mrs. Gentt 'very distressing.'

"She was a very pleasant person, dependable and conscientious, immaculate in appearance herself, she took special interest in the dining room environment," Mrs. Murphy recalled.

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THE PRINCIPAL also praised Mrs. Gentt's thoughtfulness and artistic ability, remembering that she kept flowers on the cafeteria counter.

"At holidays, she would see that the flower motifs were in keeping with the season.

"Because of her motherly manner, the pupils listened to her counseling.

"We here at Douglass feel a decided loss," Mrs. Murphy added.

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FUNERAL SERVICES for Mrs. Gentt will be held Saturday, 1 p.m., at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, the Rev. Frank L. Williams officiating. Burial will be in Arbutus. The body is on view at the home.

Mrs. Gentt, a member of an old East Baltimore family, was born over 60 years ago, the second of eight children of the late John and Eleanor Addison.

Until his death 35 years ago her father was a self employed contractor. Member of the family were pioneer members of Waters AME Church.

When the children were growing up, the family moved to the western section of the city. For 35 years, they lived in the 800 block N. Fremont Ave.

AFTER SHE became an adult, Mrs. Gentt transferred her church membership to Metropolitan Methodist, where she was a Sunday School teacher.

She belonged to the Order of Eastern Star, the Annie S. Banks Chapter No. 42, PHA.

She and members of her family were noted as persons who could be trusted to handle others' money.

For several years, Mrs. Gentt was treasurer of the Sampson Brooks Lodge of Elks.

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IN 1947, she began work as cashier at Douglass High. A sister, Mrs. Esther Yancey, is cashier at the AFRO-AMERICAN Co.

A daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Thomas is cashier at Lemmel Junior High.

Other survivors include her husband, George F. Gentt, retired clothing store employee; another daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Boston, and a son, Harry Gentt, Social Security employee.

In addition to Mrs. Yancey, other sisters are Mrs. Bessie Butler, Mrs. Annie Fisher and Mrs. Mildred Whidbee, city teachers.

A brother, Ferdinand Addison, N.Y., musician, and five grandchildren also survive.

Register to vote, change address now

Registration reopened Wednesday for citizens to become eligible voters, and will continue until prior to the primary election early next year.

Citizens may register at the Supervisors of Elections office, ground floor, People's Court Bldg., Fayette and Gay Sts., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Who must register —Those who will become 21 years of age prior to next year's election; newcomers to the city who have lived here at least one year.

Change of address — Citizens who have been registered as eligible voters, but have changed their address in recent months without notifying the Supervisors of Elections, should do so now.

It may be necessary to register. Several thousand citizens who changed address in the past two-year period, without notifying the Supervisors of Elections, have been stricken from the books as eligible voters.

Now is the time to make certain you are an eligible voter.

Miss Reynolds to stay under McKeldin

Miss Sonja Reynolds, who was first placed in the mayor's office as a secretary by the then Mayor J. Harold Grady in October, 1961, has been retained by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin.

Miss Reynolds survived a shakeup which saw the firing of a public relations director, a private secretary, special assistant and clerk who had served on Mayor Philip H. Goodman's staff.

The first and only one of her race to hold a secretarial position on the mayor's staff here, Miss Reynolds is a graduate of Kittrell Junior College, Kittrell, N.C., and lives at 1914 Ruxton Ave.

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POLICE HUNT SUITOR IN SLAYING OF YOUNG MOTHER

EOC is called 'Secret Agency'

Author Ralph Matthews last week began this series on the Equal Opportunities Commission. A member of the commission, Mrs. Emil H. Henning Jr., released a letter on Wednesday, portions of which dealt with the first Matthews article. Mrs. Henning's letter will appear in full on Tuesday, along with an editorial comment.

By RALPH MATTHEWS JR.

Some skeptical Baltimoreans have fallen into the habit of referring to the Equal Opportunities Commission as "the secret agency."

The average citizen is more aware of the CIA (the government spy agency) and its espionage activity in far-off corners of the world than he is of the EOC which operates here, and presumably now.

One of these skeptics has said: "All I know about EOC is that when I ride a bus sometimes I see a transit ad poster urging employers to hire fairly with EOC's title underneath. It reads well but then I pick up the daily papers and see job ads that say 'white only.'"

Understandably, such contradictions of spirit in Baltimore create some confusion.

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ON THE one hand the city has an ordinance on fair hiring which reads in part: "It shall be an unlawful employment practice (for any employer) to cause to be printed, published or circulated any notice or advertisement relating to employment or membership indicating any preference, limitation, specification or discrimination based upon race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry."

On the other hand, there is within this same ordinance, a clause which defines "employer" as any company with 15 or more employees. Firms with less than 15 workers do not have to practice fair employment policies though the ordinance suggests that fair hiring prevail in all situations.

But who outside the EOC (apparently) believes that all firms who place "printed job orders in Baltimore dailies with racial restrictions have less than 15 workers?

That this section of the Equal Opportunity ordinance is not scrupulously policed would seem to indicate that the EOC, in the seven years of its existence, has failed to either educate or enforce in the areas city law has prescribed.

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IT WAS reported here last week that at least two of the EOC commissioners have attitudes which bring them in direct and open conflict with the stated city code under which this Commission was originally set up.

It would seem reasonable enough that all members of a Commission devoted to making fair hiring popular and also seeing that the law is not by business and industry in letter and spirit would be in agreement.

That this is not so. That some Commissioners are really out of sympathy with the basic idea of equal opportunity, helps us to the larger issue: is the Equal Opportunities Commission doing its job?

Listen to a younger Baltimorean, not long out of college and a participant in direct-action civil rights demonstrations: "Equal Opportunities Commissions, in my opinion, just put the brakes on our advances in fair hiring and other areas of integration. No young colored person has time or patience for a group of people to sit around hemming and hawing over racial problems.

"I believe in direct - action and negotiations growing out of that direct action. Take the local ministers. When they decide that an employer is discriminating against colored Baltimoreans they go right to that business and say, 'hire or else.'

"So far as I know they have broken down job discrimination in short order. That is the only approach colored people can take in this late stage of the game. But to wait for a government commission to try and persuade private industry to change its ways is a complete waste of time.

"It is my opinion that all these so-called human relations commissions, EOC included, are just devices that white people use to their own advantage. It's just a way

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UNCLE SAM MARCHES—Dressed as Uncle Sam, the Rev. David Andrews, chaplain of the John Wesley Methodist Club at Morgan State College joined with pickets in Greensboro, N.C., as they demonstrated against segregation in that tobacco-textile city.

No Halt in Integration Fight

North

By SAMUEL HOSKINS

PHILADELPHIA

"I hope they get this situation straightened out soon; that crowd was plenty mad, and the fuse of trouble was burning."

This was one of the comments by an NAACP picket, Monday morning, at the school construction site, 31st and Dauphin Sts., where a horde of singing, shouting pickets forced a work halt on the million - and - half structure.

Starting on a relatively calm note at 6:30 a.m., the mass demonstration staged by an estimated 500 NAACP pickets working in shifts of 75 to 100 almost exploded into violence an hour and 32 minutes later (8:22) when a flying cordon of white - helmeted policemen attempted to crash through pickets

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South

JACKSON, Miss. — Using mustard and catsup instead of pies, white hecklers in Jackson stole a page from slap-stick comedians Laurel and Hardy Monday and plastered the faces of nine demonstrators during a two-hour lunch-counter sit-in.

But the team of white and colored students continued the demonstration despite the mustard-baths and other violence. One student was knocked from a stool and savagely and repeatedly kicked in the face and head.

At the same time, a Federal judge at Biloxi, Miss., ordered Cleve McDowell admitted to the University of Mississippi law school for the summer term begining June 5. He would be the first admitted since James Meredith.

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IN BIRMINGHAM, Ala.,

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East

ANNAPOLIS — Delegate C. Maurice Weidemeyer (D. Anne Arundel), an outspoken foe of civil rights legislation, is spearheading a fight to prevent Maryland's watered-down public accommodations law from going into effect tomorrow, June 1.

With the help of such segregationist groups as the Maryland Petition Committee, the Association of Citizens Council and others, Weidemeyer is attempting to get 12,000 signatures by today.

Under Maryland law, a statewide law may be placed on the general election ballot if a petition is presented bearing the names of registered voters equaling at least three per cent of the number of people who voted for governor in the last election.

The number needed would thus be 23,080, and of this,

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West

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — Fifty thousand persons, 20,000 in San Francisco, took part in two giant civil rights demonstrations in protest against conditions in Birmingham, the South and the West Coast Sunday.

About 30,000 persons crowded into Wrigley Field here to take part in a "Freedom Rally for Birmingham" and contributed thousands of dollars to the cause.

Entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. personally pledged $20,000 and said, as he embraced Dr. King, "This should prove to you good people once and for all that my leader is your leader."

Among other entertainment world figures on hand were Davis' wife Mai Britt, Anthony Franciosa, Dorothy Dandridge, Mel Ferrer, Paul Newman, and Rita Moreno. Dick Gregory also addressed the crowd.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO, more than 20,000 people took part in a parade and rally in sympathy with colored people in Birmingham, Ala., and in protest against racial inequalities in San Francisco.

The demonstration was organized by prominent clergymen and labor leaders. Acting Mayor Clarissa McMahon read a proclamation from the City Hall steps, designating the day as Human Rights Day.

Record 327 Morgan grads

Morgan State College will graduate its largest and most cosmopolitan class in history here Monday, June 3 in Hughes Stadium at 6 p.m. The academic procession begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, psychology professor at the College of the City of New York, will deliver the commencement address.

A record - setting 327 candidates will receive degrees. They represent 17 states, the District of Columbia and six foreign countries.

Foreign countries represented are British Guiana (2), Greece (3), India (1), Iran (1), Jamaica (1) and

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Shot six times, despite pleading

"Annette, why do you do me like this?"

"No . . . please, don't . . . no, don't please . . . !"

Horace Jefferson, 19, told Western District police Wednesday he heard that question and plea before hearing a "lot of shots" at the home of his parents in the 3000 block Rayner Ave. around 1 p.m.

When he raced downstairs, the youth said, he found his sister, Mrs. Annette L. Johnson, 24, 800 block Gilmor St., sprawled on the dining room floor bleeding from wounds of the chest and abdomen.

Western District Patrolmen Samuel Porters and Norbert Armin, who responded to the call, said they found Mrs. Johnson had been shot six times.

Taken to Lutheran Hospital, Mrs. Johnson died on Thursday shortly after 7 p.m.

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"HE SHOT ME. I'm going to die . . . He shot me. I'm going to die," the officers quoted her as telling them.

Mrs. Johnson, a cashier at the East Baltimore food market and mother of a four-year-old son, was rushed to Lutheran Hospital.

Young Jefferson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jefferson Sr., said his sister came home to change clothes and her boyfriend, with whom he works, came in shortly afterwards.

The youth said he went up stairs and left the couple in the dining room. Before the gun play, according to the brother, his sister and the suspected gunman engaged in an argument.

Mrs. Johnson, who was estranged from her husband, had been staying with a girlfriend for two days and this is what triggered the argument, her brother stated.

Officers Porters and Armin said one spent bullet and nine empty cartridge casings were found at the scene. The weapon was a 32-automatic pistol, according to the police report.

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SGT. EARL DYSON is leading the manhunt for the boyfriend, who is believed to

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MOTHER REMEMBERS

Rites today for Debbie

"People might wonder why I took a stranger into my home. I did it because when I was a girl I can remember my mother doing the same. She had compassion for people in need.

"I cannot remember her closing her door to either humans nor animals that needed help.

"All I can say about Johnson is that I feel sorry for him."

"Thus spoke Mrs. Marie Washington, 651 Portland Ave., mother of seven-year-old Debbie Washington whose body was found Sunday crammed between folds of an old mattress in a second floor bedroom closet in her home.

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POLICE said that the youngster had been strangled. A boarder Irvin L. Johnson, 30, was charged with the homicide Tuesday, and is being held for action of the state's attorney.

The youngster had been reported missing Saturday afternoon and police and neighbors had searched for her, to no avail.

Debbie, a second grade student at School No. 162, was found Sunday afternoon, when an older sister, Maxine, 16, looked into the closet in her room and saw a red-

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BLUE STREAK SPECIAL

The Truth About The Dope Squad - Change Needed

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

What's wrong with the Police Department's Narcotics Squad?

Based on recent verdicts by both the Maryland Court of Appeals and the Baltimore Supreme Bench, the obvious answer is PLENTY!

Methods, practices, and policies of the dope squad, brought to light in the course of trials of accused addicts or peddlers indicate the bureau is desperately in need of overhauling.

Evidence gleaned from recent dope trials shows that the squad, among other things, has been guilty of:

1. Invading private homes without warrants.

2. Conducting illegal searches.

3. Making illegal arrests.

4. Violating statutes on the use of electronic devices in making arrests.

5. Giving immunity to known addicts.

6. Recruiting known narcotic law violators for its own use then jailing them for violating the law.

For one or more of the above reasons eight persons jailed by Captain Joseph F. Carroll and his dope detectives have been freed in recent months.

Since many of the above points have been raised in trials of other defendants, now awaiting the outcome of appeals or new trial motions, several others are expected to be released.

Why?

Because the tactics of the squad have consistently been proven to be beyond the realm of legality.

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THE ULTIMATE outcome of dope cases against the following defendants is revealing:

Leonard C. Washington — convicted of possessing dope. His conviction was reversed by the Supreme Bench on grounds that he was acting on behalf of police officers and an informer when he obtained narcotics from a suspect peddler.

Elwin Elsenhaut— accused of being peddler. Judge Anselm Sodaro threw out the charge after ruling that police arranged and listened in on a telephone conversation between the defendant and an informer.

Federal law permits police to listen in on such conversa-

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