Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

Prince George's roly-poly Senator Wheatley stood suddenly, and with characteristically quick movements, stepped before his desk, turned—and leaned both hands on it.

He looked slowly from one to the other of his 27 colleagues seated before him.

This was the hour of decision. At hand stood continuation or death of an outmoded, troublesome southern tradition—separation of the races in public places.

A hush fell over the crowded chamber. Harford's Senator James, gavel still in hand, moved back from rostrum on the dais and sat down.

The time—4:45 p.m. Saturday, place—Senate chamber in Annapolis, decision—final action on a proposed statewide public accommodations law.

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"EACH OF us knows what the problem is," Senator Wheatley began slowly, calmly. "Almost all of the state was covered except Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Worcester."

He referred to previous Senate action tacking on county exemptions—before sending the bill to the House.

Now, the House had just sent the bill back — with the exempted counties amended back under its coverage.

"We face up to and must face up to," continued Senator Wheatley in a conversational tone, "whether this bill that is good for 19 counties and Baltimore City is good for the other four counties.

"Whether we decide to stand on senatorial courtesy, or whether we stand as senators for the state of Maryland.

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"WHEN WE vote," he went on unhurriedly, "we have one choice. We vote to concur in the amendments (making the bill state-wide), or we vote not to concur and possibly kill the bill.

"Whether we think Democratic principles are needed is not particularly important. It's whether we think our state should be uniform.

"I understand the Senator from Dorchester and some others are set for a filibuster. How long we debate this point tonight, rests with those who want to talk."

Having made his motion, as majority floor leader, to concur in the House amendments—Senator Wheatley quickly sat down.

Just as quickly—Worcester's Senator Sanford was on his feet.

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"MR. PRESIDENT!" his voice boomed out, after recognition from Senator James. "There have been rumors that I'm not opposed to this bill.

"I want everyone to know that's a damnable lie! I'm bitterly opposed to this bill!

"I know the governor has been twisting your arms for votes. But this bill is an invasion of a basic freedom—freedom of choice.

"You've got us where the hair is short, and you're beginning to ram it down hard," he continued, his voice rising. "I want you to know I conducted a poll in my county and

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HEAVY DAMAGE — Residents of Fairfield repair damage caused by explosion in Chemical plant Tuesday which shattered all windows and brought heavy damage to property in the immediate area. From left, Thomas V. Carson, 1506 Chesapeake St., boards up glassless windows broken in the explosion. Mrs. Ellen Whitting, 1518 Chesapeake Ave., takes hammer in hand to bar out chilly winds that rushed through the open window. David Taborn, 1514 Cheaspeake, points to damage to his home by the explosion which also killed a workman and was responsible for injury to nine person, including eight firemen.

Morgan to push recruitment of white students

The Morgan State College Board of Trustees has approved a special committee's recommendations on a campaign to advise potential white students of the availability of Morgan.

In making details of the campaign public this week, the board of trustees reported it was taking this action because "it is inconsistent with democratic principles of our society to have institutions which are segregated or substantially segregated on the basis of race."

The trustees, for this reason and because "Morgan . . should be regarded as an institution available to all qualified students without regard to race" said "it is important that the college become more highly integrated."

This board action came some weeks after Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan State president, had requested permission from the trustees to campaign actively to get white students into Morgan.

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AT ITS regular meeting on Feb. 20, the trustees appointed a special committee to study and report on the president's proposed program. The Committee included trustees John L. Berry, chairman; E. Dale Adkins, R. McLean Campbell and Henry E. Niles.

The committee said such a campaign should stress the following points: "that Morgan is a fully-accredited institution whose academic program compares favorably with that of any public institution of higher education and that it provides higher education at a reasonable cost."

Also, **"many able white students in the immediate vicinity are not attending college and this constitutes a social waste" that Morgan State graduates regardless of race, "readily secure employment and financial aid for graduate**

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Bethlehem Steel gives $100,000 to Provident

In the largest corporate gift recorded to date, the Bethlehem Steel Company has presented the Provident Hospital Development Program with $100,000.

The announcement was made today by George L. Russell Jr. and Samuel M. Hecht, co-chairmen of the campaign for a new hospital.

Contributions to the building fund the men said, now total $1,255,000.

While the Bethlehem Steel Company has made the largest corporate gift, the Prince Hall Masons have pledged $100,000 to the fund. The leadership of the campaign is confident that more than $1,500,000 will have been raised when the second phase of the fund drive is completed.

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GIFTS from individuals and clubs contacted during the first phase of the campaign continue to come into the Mondawmin Concourse office of the hospital.

Property for the new hospital, along Liberty Heights and Towanda Ave., has already been purchased for $250,000.

The new facility will re-

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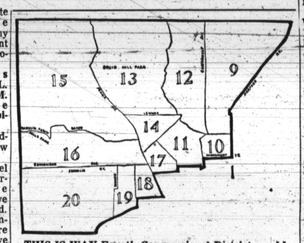

THIS IS WAY Fourth Congressional District would look under Welcome-Parks proposal.

'Hickey' Clay dies; police seek suspect

Leroy A. ('Hickey') Clay, 54, 1800 block N. Carey St., died early Thursday morning in Provident Hospital.

The well-known veteran of World War II, a native of Baltimore, was attacked and beaten by thugs last Friday only a few yards from his home.

He was taken to Provident Hospital and treated for brain injuries, and cuts of the eyes and nose.

Before his death the former Army captain, had not been able to tell police what occurred.

HOWEVER, according to police, other information has been revealed, and a suspect is being sought.

At presstime funeral arrangements had not been made.

Survivors include Mrs. Isabelle Clay, and a daughter, Mrs. Joanne Hubbald. He is also survived by a grandson.

Welcome-Parks offer new redistricting plan

Federal Court judges were presented today (Friday) with a congressional redistricting plan for the Baltimore area by George L. Russell Jr., attorney.

Mr. Russell offered the proposal on behalf of State Senator Verda F. Welcome and Councilman Henry G. Parks Jr., both Fourth District representatives.

Senator Welcome and Councilman Parks are members of the Baltimore committee of the Maryland Citizens Committee for Fair Congressional Redistricting, which has forced the issue before the court.

The Welcome - Parks plan would expand thusly the Third, Fourth and Seventh Congressional Districts, which now lie wholly within the city:

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THIRD — Wards 1 through 8; 22 through 24; precincts 12 through 19 of Ward 25 and Ward 26. Also, Anne Arundel County's Election District No. 5, and precincts 1 through 5 of Election District No. 3.

Population would be 373,661.

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FOURTH — This would be expanded to cover the center of the city, and include Wards 9 through 20.

Population would be 393,188.

SEVENTH — This proposes an area covering Wards 21, 27, 28 and precincts 1 through 11 of Ward 25. Also, it would embrace Baltimore County's Election Districts 1, 2, 3 and 12.

Population would be 386,449.

This would fit, its sponsors contend, in an over all redistricting plan by the MCCFCR to give the state eight congressional districts, with no variation of more than 15 percent of a 388,000 population per district.

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THE COURT has held that the Maryland's seven districts must be shaped as equally as possible population - wise, into eight districts.

The existing seven districts now have a population span of between 243,500 and 711,000.

The state's eight congressmen are also expected to present possibly two redistricting plans today before Chief Judge Simon E. Sobeloff, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Judge Rozell C. Thomsen and Edward S. North, U.S. District Court.

Should the plans not be approved, the tribunal is likely to declare the existing districts null and void, forcing all congressional candidates to run at large in the coming election.

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MARYLAND'S General Assembly, at a special session last week, failed to enact congressional redistricting legislation. A proposal did pass the House, but was killed in the Senate just prior to adjournment.

In previous years, the Assembly has enacted such redistricting legislation and both measures have been petitioned to referendum by the League of Women Voters.

One was killed in the 1962 general election, and another is still pending on referendum.

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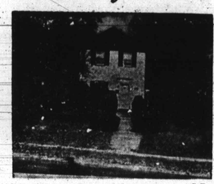

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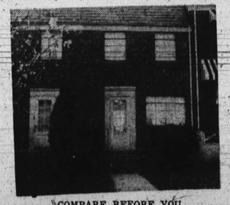

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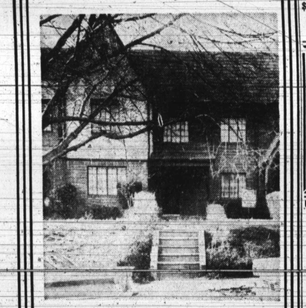

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THE WEATHER
Temperatures over next five days will average about 5 degrees below normal; showers likely about Tues.-day Normal high for period is 58, low 39.

Double Rites For Victims Of Murder And Suicide Draw 800

MURDER - SUICIDE VICTIMS' relatives leave Whitestone Baptist Church after Wednesday funeral for Robert Williams who killed himself after he shot and killed his wife Delores. She was a Social Security employee. Left to right, front, Benjamin Williams, Sr. father of suicide victim, Mrs. Louise Williams, mother and Mrs. Jean Lewis, his sister. Extreme left, David Ross, Jr., brother of the slain Mrs. Delores Williams.

5 ministers participate in services

"Why, Why, Why?"

These were the words echoed by five prominent ministers participating in funeral services Wednesday for murder-suicide victims Mrs. Delores Williams and her husband, Robert.

For their grief-stricken families, sorrowing friends, and an estimated 800 persons gathered at White Stone Baptist Church, there was no answer.

Consolations and explanations, but no answers.

Delores lay in a bronze colored casket, surrounded by flowers. Robert, an Air Force veteran, lay in a bronze colored, flag-draped casket, surrounded by flowers. A huge bleeding heart was at the head of each.

JUST LAST Friday 27-year-old Mrs. Williams and Mr. Williams, 28, spent a lot of time together in the house where they lived **at the time at 5 N. Kossuth St.**

They had been separated for four months and Mrs. Williams had been living with her family, Mr. and Mrs. David Ross, 2737 Presbury St.

Robert, who still lived in the Kossuth St. house, had decided to rent it and Mrs. Williams had gone down Friday to help him pack to move to a smaller place.

Though residing apart they had remained friends—good friends.

Less than a day later, Robert was dead — by his own hand. Delores was dead — Robert had shot her twice with a 32 calibre pistol.

Robert once had told anybody "I got a good father-in-law" . . . Yet David Ross Sr., Delores' father, was in the hospital with Robert's bullet in him.

Who can say why?

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HUNDREDS OF people had come to White Stone Wednesday noon to hear answers. They got none.

Said the Rev. W. H. Thompson, pastor of White Stone Baptist, "Things happen that we don't understand. It is not ours to judge. We are all imperfect individuals striving as Christians to be perfect."

Said the Rev. Sidney Daniels, Emmanuel Community Church: "We have an Ex-

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Javits, Gregory, Jackie to talk

SEN. JACOB K. JAVITS

DICK GREGORY

JACKIE ROBINSON

City Hall Plaza will echo feverent pleas for human dignity Easter Monday when thousands of marchers converge there to hear speeches by national civil rights leaders at the height of the "March For Baltimore."

Main speakers at the massive demonstration to promote legislation in the field of human rights include a U. S. senator, an internationally known athlete, and an equally prominent entertainer.

They are U. S. Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican.

Jackie Robinson, former major league baseball player now business executive and,

Dick Gregory, comedian who is as much at home in demonstration lines as he is on the stage.

They are scheduled to lead the march from the State Office Building complex at high noon.

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IN THE LINE of march will be persons representing all religious, racial, and cultural groups in the city who are expected to swell the ranks of the demonstration to "thousands," the Rev. Marion C. Bascom, coordinator said.

As final plans were being

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King says rights bill or protests

By BAKER E. MORTEN

WASHINGTON

If a determined Southern filibuster develops in the Senate to endanger the pending civil rights bill, this town and nation is going to see an equally determined direct action campaign.

This much was promised Thursday by Dr. Martin Luther King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Dr. King told a news conference in the Senate Press Gallery that direct action demonstrations throughout the country would be launched "to dramatize this blatant use of legislative power" beginning in May if the House - approved civil rights measure becomes subject to a Dixiecrat talkathon in the Senate.

The bill is scheduled for debate beginning Monday.

The civil rights leader did not spell out just what techniques might be used if demonstrations became necessary, but he didn't rule out the possibility of civil disobedience "if Southern senators become so stubborn as to make such a move feasible in order to focus attention on the matter."

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DR. KING, who came to Washington to get a first hand picture of the progress of the bill and its prospects for passage, said he held a strategy meeting with 15 SCLC leaders to determine what kind of direct action program would be launched, in case there is a filibuster by southerners and their colleagues.

Later, the disciple of nonviolence huddled for nearly an hour with Senate Democratic Whip Hubert H. Humphrey in the Senate Building after sounding out Senators Jacob Javits (D. N. Y.), Thomas H. Kuchel (R. Calif.) Paul Douglas (D. Ill.) and Philip A. Hart (D. Mich.). With him was the Revs. Ralph Abernathy, Fred

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No Mystery In Nichols' Trial

By BOB QUEEN

PHILADELPHIA — "I am anxious to take the stand," Bishop D. Ward Nichols of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, told the AFRO Thursday night as the trial on charges of alleged embezzlement and fraud was recessed until Monday morning.

The 64-year-old prelate made the statement after three days of testimony in which bishops, church officials and ministers of the First Episcopal District filed the charges testified.

Bishop John D. Bright, former secretary of the First Episcopal District during the period of 1952 to 1956, spent a backbreaking eight and one half hours under direct and cross-examination on Wednesday.

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ON THURSDAY, Dr. Russell Brown, executive secretary of the AME General Conference, testified.

Present in the courtroom were attorney Ernest E. Jackson, Sr., of Jacksonville, Fla., who represents Bishop Nicholas in litigation in Florida; First Episcopal District Bishop George W. Baber, and Third Episcopal District Bishop C. L. Hatcher.

ALLEN BUILDING

MUCH OF THURSDAY'S testimony revolved around the purchase of the Allen Building. Testimony was that prior to 1950, the Allen Building was owned by the AME Book concern, and in 1939 it was purchased at a sheriff's sale by Otto Provost.

In 1949, it again changed hands at a sheriff's sale when Bishop Nichols bought it for $54,000, but "not for himself" as the bishop stated. Before the 1956 General Conference, the building was sold by Bishop Nichols to the AME Pension Fund for $65,500.

Dr. Brown testified that the General Conference had authorized purchase of the building, according to page 260 of the printed minutes.

Testimony as to the facts around the purchase became

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At age 109 she's yet young at heart

By STERLING PAIGE

"Gosh, I'm a real celebrity."

"She's cute, she's having her picture taken."

"She is a dear."

"Always just as you see her now — sweet and cooperative."

"What a memory, and she talks so plainly."

"She walks around the hall and waves to people."

"Just a wonderful patient; gee, wish I could reach her age."

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THESE ARE just a few of the enthusiastic comments from nurses, doctors, other employees and patients around Osler 3 Clinic at Johns Hopkins Hospital these days.

They are talking about 109-year - old Mrs. Betty Ann Brown. They are talking about a former slave who is in the hospital "for the first time in my life, 'cept to see someone."

They talk about her memory which can reach back over 100 years ago when somewhere between Lawrenceville and Danville (Virginia), I as raised at old Sam Hoskins' place.

"He had a big farm. There was peanuts and cotton and tobacco and lots of work — but they kept my gang working around the house, inside.

"My mistress took me for a pet. When I did wrong she whipped me — I mean I got a good one. She would slap

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100-YEAR-OLD-SMILE — Mrs. Betty Ann Brown, a former slave, has amazed officials and staff members at Johns Hopkins Hospital where she eats heartily, walks around visiting other patients, and enjoys telling doctors and nurses of her experiences 100 years ago.

Wage-Hour Law Aids Many

By GUY CRUMP

(EDITOR'S NOTE — In the first of a three - part series on the Federal wage - hour laws last week was reported that area workers were losing thousands of dollars through violations of the law. This loss, Labor Department officials said, is due to ignorance on the part of both employer and employee or deliberate cheating on the part of the former. Part II tells who is covered.)

In an effort to eliminate labor conditions detrimental to the health, efficiency, and wellbeing of workers and to eliminate unfair competition growing out of these conditions Congress created the Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Wage - Hour Law) in 1938 and amended it in 1961.

The amendment expanded the law to cover approximately four million more workers than the original act which affected an estimated 24 million, according to Willard W. Wirtz, labor secretary.

In addition to taking in heretofore unprotected wage earners, the amendment also established two standards of Fair-Pay regulations

Under the old act only workers individually engaged in the production of goods for inter-state commerce were covered.

Minimum wages for this group were set as $1.15 per hour as of Sept. 3, 1961 and $1.25 beginning in September of last year.

It became mandatory that they be paid time and one-half for all hours worked beyond 40 hours per week.

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UNDER PROVISIONS of the amendment which reached out to include workers not "individually engaged in producing goods for inter-state commerce," thousands of employees became eligible for protection, but never knew it, and are still unaware that the law exists, of-

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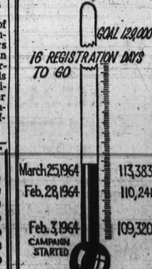
4,063 new voters; need 16,000 more



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