Some city board members never get calls to serve

Churches, clubs and mother civic groups have access to a panal of resource persons, many of whom are waiting to be pressed into service, the AFRO determined this week during a survey covering colored persons on city bodies.

At the same time the AFRO learned that Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin can be expected to increase the number of appointees to boards, commissions and other agencies in the immediate future.

There is considerable uncertainty in the mayor's office at the moment, however, as to who is on many of these boards and commissions.

David L. Glenn, the mayor's administrative assistant, said the listing is in the process of being assembled.

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ASSUMING THIS must be even less knowledgeable to the public, the AFRO checked the listings in the mayor's office and found a folder of confusing papers, letters and documents, many worn illegible with either age or handling.

Out of this confusion, the AFRO was able to determine there are at least 22 colored persons on major boards and agencies, with six of them being women.

A spot check further among these members revealed that, with one exception, their community seems unaware of their positions, in that they have received few if any invitations to appear before church or civic groups.

The lone exception in the check is a member of the Board of School Commissioners who is an AFRO official, working newspaperwoman and member of PTA groups with children in public schools.

Others contacted revealed a seemingly lack of public interest in them, as board or commission members.

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HERE ARE the major boards and agencies, and colored citizens serving on each:

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS — Mrs. Elizabeth M. Moss; J. Percy Bond.

PLANNING COMMISSION —John L. Berry.

BOARD OF RECREATION and PARKS — Mrs. Rubye C. Gill.

JAIL BOARD — Dr. Bernard Harris Jr.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION— Mrs. Charles F. (Emma Michael) Hural Thompson; the Rev. Frank L. Williams.

CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION — George L. Russell Jr.

DPW ADVISORY COMMITTEE — Mrs. William M. (Wilhelmina) Garner.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL ADVISORY GROUP ON CRIME — Dr. Carl Murphy; Dr. Furman L. Templeton.

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COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY COMMISSION —

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Lawyer named to business center post

The board of the Small Business Development Center announced Thursday the selection of the two top administrators to implement the Small Business Development Program, a component project in Baltimore's War Against Poverty.

Selected were David E. Rice, attorney, as executive director. Mr. Rice, former dean of the Law School of Texas Southern University, is presently serving as assistant area supervisor of the Chicago Small Business Opportunity Corporation.

Ralph L. Johnson was chosen for the position of business advisory service coordinator. He is a former instructor in economics at Morgan State College and Texas Southern University. The positions call for $13,000 and $11,000 salaries, respectively.

Mr. Johnson is presently employed as the general office manager of the J. Burroughs Realty Co.

They were chosen from 20 applicants for the top positions of the new agency. Neither of the two can be hired until the Board of Estimates and the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington approve the final contract of the Small Business Development Center, Inc.

IT IS hoped that both of them will be able to assume their new positions on, or shortly after April 1.

The center, founded by the Community Action Commission, is designed to develop opportunities for new business ventures, and upgrade the quality of operations of existing businesses in order to create additional job opportunities for the city's poor, the board said.

Mrs. Coleman

Funeral services were held Friday at St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church for Mrs. Emma Louise Coleman, 73, 2519 W. Lanvale St.

Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Formerly of 1737 McCulloh St., Mrs. Coleman, died last Tuesday at the Hopkins Hospital.

Born in Baltimore, she was the daughter of Robert and Emma Baker. Her husband, Clarence Coleman, died in 1958.

Surviving are three sons, Robert, Clarence and Earl Coleman; all of Baltimore; a sister, Mrs. Lillie Amos, Baltimore.

LAUNDRY WORKERS—Striking workers of the Holland Cleaners and Dyers pictured in the 2100 block Madison Ave. following Monday walk-out. Protest walkers are Mrs. Pearl Fuller, Mrs. Mary Frank and Clarence Lambson. Latter is 26-year employee who earns $1.06 an hour.

Laundry employees put picket line at plant

Striking employees of the Holland Cleaners and Dyers have formed a picket line around the premises in the 2100 block Madison Ave.

A spokesman for the striking workers told the AFRO the strike was called to force recognition of Laundry and Dry Cleaners Union (AFL-CIO) as bargaining agent.

Cleveland Harris, president of Local 195, indicated the union is seeking higher wages, over-time pay and more fringe benefits for the Holland employees.

The union claims to have support of the majority of the some 30 workers in the plant, most of whom signed for union representation.

"Some of those who signed for the union are still on the job," Harris said Wednesday. "This is because they need the income and also because they have been threatened with loss of their jobs if they walk out."

The union representative said average pay within the plant is $1 per hour, "hardly enough to live on."

Clarence Lambson, a 26-year employee, told of wages averaging $70 as a chauffeur and "pick-up" man.

"But I work about 66 hours to draw this pay," Lambson said.

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MELVIN ROTTMAN, representing management of the plant, accused the union of unorthodox tactics.

"Threatening calls have been made to our employees," Rottman said. "We are getting calls to our homes at four in the morning.

"One caller threatened to blow up our trucks if they went on the streets."

ROTTMAN DECLINED to discuss in detail the current labor strife, but said that most of the employees are working.

"It would not be wise of me to say something now that could lead to hard feelings later on," Mr. Rottman said. "I still have a business to run."

Mr. Harris, the union president, said the striking workers have gained the support of CORE and the Freedom Union.

"We are asking the public and all organizations to support these workers in their effort to better their conditions,' Harris said.

Schools ask $97.7 million '66-67 budget

The Board of School Commissioners released its 1966-1967 fiscal year budget request totaling $97,650,269 Thursday, an increase of $23 million over the appropriation for the last full fiscal year of 1965.

Presented to the Board of Estimates, the figure amounts to about $6 million over the last six-month budget request projected for a full year.

Largest single item (nearly 85 per cent) of the budget is for salaries. This total of $83 million includes the new salary schedule for teachers, approved by the School Board and the Board of Estimates and awaiting action by the City Council.

A major increase in the budget results from a $3.3 million request for new equipment and major improvements.

President Eli Frank Jr., in his letter of transmittal, pointed out that during the last six years the School Board has asked for $6 million in this category and received only 5 per cent of that.

Mr. Frank observed of the budget that there is "mighty little that any man of good will could take out of it."

Federal and state funds finance $27 million of the budget.

In the School Board meeting Thursday, superintendent Laurence G. Paquin presented a broad policy change to implement his concept of the "community school" and make buildings, schools and playgrounds available to the community after school and in the summer.

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THE POLICY, adopted by the board, endorses the schools' functions as educational, recreation, service and community life centers.

The schools, as public buildings, will be made available after hours to the Department of Recreation and Parks, which will be responsible for their use by community groups.

The school administration itself will not provide service and recreation programs under the policy, but will leave this function to other agencies better equipped for it, Dr. Paquin said.

Releasing a report showing that vandalism in 1965 exceeded that of 1964 by almost $20,000 (mostly from broken windows), Dr. Paquin observed that the new policy will also help combat vandalism and citizens' apathy toward it by giving the schools a more "positive" image.

In other action, the board learned that Baltimore has been approved for a $5 million Federal grant to implement a comprehensive pro-

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2nd mortgage bill moved up to Senate

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — A significant piece of proposed legislation in the property financing field cleared the House Thursday afternoon and now faces Senate action.

It is a measure to license and regulate firms in the secondary mortgage loan business.

The HB-250 would establish strict controls on procedures and interest rates, among other things, all under direct jurisdiction of the state's banking commissioner.

Del. Charles S. Breslee (R. Montgomery), in an argument against a motion to refer the bill back to committee, said he had communications from 30-odd persons, who had been fleeced into exorbitant debt by unscrupulous second mortgage firms.

The motion to send the bill back to committee was made by Harvey A. Epstein (D. 4th D. Balto.), who said such legislation was needed, but he thought this measure vested too much power in the banking commission.

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IN OTHER Assembly action there was the usual hustle and bustle, air of confusion with little of especial note being accomplished.

The Senate will hold an initial vote today (Friday) on a bill to repeal the ban on mixed marriages in Maryland.

Sen. Frederick C. Malkus Jr. (D. Dorchester) and his Judicial Proceedings Committee surprised everybody Wednesday — including Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th D. Balto.) its sponsor — by giving it a favorable report.

Sen. Malkus and his committee as a whole in the past have not looked kindly on civil rights proposals.

Coming up for a test as to whether there has been a change of heart is Sen. Welcome's bill to broaden the state's public accommodations law to cover alcoholic beverage dispensing establishments.

Sen. Malkus told the AFRO he would put the bill before the committee for a favorable or unfavorable report next week, no later than Wednesday.

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IN OTHER matters key proposed legislation still remains bottled up in committees of both chambers.

The Cooper-Hughes tax raising bill, congressional redistricting, the Baltimore police bills are but a few of these measures lying dormant.

Meanwhile, the lawmakers continue to flood the assembly's hopper with bills under suspension of rules, though the deadline for such introduction is past.

Nobody knows at this point what of substance, other than the state budget, will clear this out-going Assembly in the 17 working days remaining to the March 29 adjournment.

'TV dispute' ends in death for youth

A bloody fight that reportedly erupted over an argument about a news item on television left a 22 - year - old man dead of a stomach stab wound in a 1400 block E. Fairmount Ave. apartment early Wednesday evening.

James Evans, 1400 block E. Fayette St., was taken from the apartment by morgue wagon to Church Home and Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival at 7:55 p.m.

Southeastern District police arrived at the disrupted apartment about 6 p.m. to find the victim lying in a pool of blood on a kitchen floor.

An ambulance which responded to the scene refused to transport the body as Evans was apparently dead.

Police said a second man in whose apartment the fight had taken place, shortly after the stabbing hailed a passing ambulance and went to Church Home and Hospital and received treatment for a blow to the head.

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THE FIGHT began as Evans and four other persons were watching television in the apartment, according to police.

Derby Evans, 24, 2000 block E. North Ave., brother of the deceased, told police that during the altercation on

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112 Registered this week

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

Who should register.

Those 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.

Total registered for Nov., 1964 election 133,687.

Registered this week period, 112.

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Friday	13	1	1
Monday	20	4	2
Tuesday	22	2	0
Wednesday	26	3	0
Total	98	11	3

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Parents 'wait, pray' for news of missing son

"We are just waiting, hoping, praying, and trusting in the Lord."

Mrs. Bernice Mabrey, 211 Windsor Ave., was telling how she and Mr. Mabrey have spent the last five days.

They are the parents of Sp./5C Jerome Mabrey Jr., who was reported missing in Santa Domingo last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Mabrey said they were notified by the Defense Department that their son, assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, became missing while he and his buddies were swimming.

Mrs. Mabrey said they have received no further information from army offi-

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A peaceful afternoon in courtroom at busy Western District station

By ROGER NISSLY

Western District Municipal Court on a weekday afternoon — the cases are small, not uninteresting, but complex and take a lot of explaining.

Sometimes, the short docket, contrasted with the more lengthy ones on the week-ends, contains no violent cases.

Tuesday afternoon's proceedings included a woman charged with soliciting, three youths who had made out a false report, one disorderly person, a couple which had quarreled and a mother who questioned Judge Howard Aaron about her son who had been confined over the week-end for mental examination.

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THE WOMAN charged with soliciting and maintaining a disorderly house told the judge that the plain-clothes officer who had arrested her "looked awfully friendly" and she asked for a lift in his car.

The officer made a date to meet her the next day (Wednesday) in her housing project apartment where he handed her $15 in marked bills.

When the young - looking woman had partially disrobed, a sergeant arrived to retrieve the marked money as evidence.

With three children — and receiving only $2 a week from her separated husband — she woman said she had never been in trouble before.

"I'm not a prostitute," she told the judge. "Do you remember what I said?" she asked the officer.

"She said she wanted companionship," he replied.

"And about the money?" she asked again.

"She said I didn't have to bring money every time," he told the judge.

Judge Aaron gave her probation without verdict, and she and the officers walked out looking slightly peevish.

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THREE YOUTHS charged with making a false report to police about an assault and shooting Feb. 18 were each fined $25 and costs by Judge Aaron.

Sgt. John Schisler testified the shooting was reported as having happened at North and Fulton Aves. by an unknown assailant, when it had actually happened in the 500

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Pfc. Brown dies in action

Pfc. James T. Brown Jr., 19, a former student at Booker T. Washington Junior High School, died in Vietnam last Saturday from a chest wound suffered in combat earlier in the week.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brown Sr., Pfc. Brown had been in Vietnam since December as a sniper with the First Cavalry Division.

He enlisted in the Army in January of 1965, and planned to make the service his career. He worked in a supermarket in Baltimore after leaving high school.

HIS SISTER, Carolyn, 18, said the family received a letter from him Feb. 22 in which were enclosed two slide photographs of GI's standing with captured Viet Cong.

Besides his parents and his sister, Pfc. Brown is survived by two other sisters, Hazel, 14, and Patty, 12, and a brother, Kenneth, 10.

Funeral arrangements had not yet been made.

Sentence 2 for robbing student

Two men convicted of beating up and robbing a Morgan State College student last August were sentenced to a total of 12 years in prison Tuesday by Criminal Court Judge William J. O'Donnell.

Clarence E. Nicholson, 19, of the 1400 block of E. Lanvale St., was given five years in the Maryland Correctional Institution, and Charles Watkins, 23, of the 1900 block of Park Ave., received seven years in the House of Correction.

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VICTIM OF the attack — in the 2100 block of Harford Rd. which netted the assailants $1 and a wallet worth $4—was Percy Alston, 19 of the 1400 block of N. Broadway. The incident set the stage for a slaying later the same evening for which Percy's brother, Lewis, 22, has been charged.

Lewis is accused of the murder of Eugene Harrison, 21, of the 1500 block of N. Broadway, who was killed in a street battle.

His trial is scheduled to come up in a few weeks.

MEDICARE "ALERT"—James F. Bowman, 940 W. Saratoga St., evidences interest in the added coverage available under Medicare, as explained by Team Captain Joseph Chapman (right) and Mrs. Mary E. Miller in "Operation Medicare Alert."

Elderly carrying medicare message door-to-door to those over 65

"Operation Medicare Alert: Feb.-March, 1966" reads the red, white and blue armband attached to the sleeve of his overcoat.

Joseph Chapman, 65, is one of 100 elderly men and women who throughout the month will be urging other aged persons to sign up for Medicare insurance before the March 31 deadline.

Wednesday, in the company of another worker, Mr. Chapman visited homes in the area of the Poe Homes, where a meeting will be held Thursday, March 10 in the auditorium, to educate area residents about Medicare benefits.

Object of the all-out, door-to-door campaign is to inform persons over 65 about the voluntary plan for medical insurance (which will cover doctor bills and other "extras" and must be applied for by March 31).

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MR. CHAPMAN explained to all those who would listen that Plan A (which comes automatically to all those covered under Social Security) pays hospital bills—not doctors' bills—in the event of an illness.

Voluntary plan B costs $3 a month (which will be taken

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Hayes Buddin, 52, dies; Md. National employee

HAYES BUDDIN

High noon funeral services were held today (Friday) at the Elliott Funeral Home, with burial in Baltimore National Cemetery for World War II Navyman, Hayes Buddin, 52, 2414 W. Lafayette Ave.

Mr. Buddin, a Maryland National Bank employee for seven years, died Tuesday at Fort Howard Hospital.

Mr. Buddin was born in Baltimore, but lived in Pittsburgh for many years. From there he went to Washington and was drafted.

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AFTER SERVICE, he returned home. He was the son of the late Mallard H. and Mrs. Geneva Buddin, who survives.

His wife, Mrs. Mary Buddin, died in 1957.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a brother, John Buddin; and a sister, Mrs. Mary B. Adams, both of Baltimore.

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PUSH VIET WAR-DEATHS QUIZ

Rap churches on gambling efforts

A far-ranging report on Maryland crime is expected to criticize church efforts in the war on illegal gambling, the AFRO has learned.

It also is expected to urge tougher treatment for lottery players — who now generally are not arrested unless they have written numbers on them — as well as for writers.

These areas were covered, the AFRO learned, during a continuing probe of illegal gambling by the Maryland Crime Investigating Commission.

Alvin J. T. Zumbrun, MCIC executive director, refused to comment on what the report will cover but confirmed his agency would issue one on crime here soon.

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SHOULD THE legislature make it easy for lottery betters to be hauled in on criminal charges, a rash of arrests of players as well as writers could be expected.

Police officials recently publicly admitted knowing the identity of some of the kingpins in the multi-million dollar numbers rackets here but said in-

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Over-70 SS change would aid thousands

(Senate — House conferees agreed Thursday to allow $35 monthly payments to about 300,000 persons over age 72.)

Some 250,000 colored persons 70 years of age or over could receive Social Security benefits for the first time, if an amendment approved in the Senate Tuesday is made law.

The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Winston Prouty (R., Vt.), was passed by a vote of 45 to 40 over the objections of Administration supporters.

It was tacked onto the Administration's pending $6,000,000,000 emergency tax bill and, according to Sen. Prouty, would cost $450,000,000 for the first year and cover a total of about 1,250,000 people over 70 who are not now receiving Social Security.

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ACCORDING TO Mrs. Charlotte Crenson, press officer for the Social Security Administration, such

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Rent strike committee backs McCourt's bill

The campaign for enactment of a rent strike law gained momentum this week as thousands of leaflets urging tenant action were circulated in Baltimore's inner-city areas.

The Rent Strike Committee, which meets at 1809 Ashland Avenue, is expanding its activities to organize slum tenants and seeks help from city and state officials in giving rent strikes legal status.

The group is also urging tenants and civil rights organizations to attend a hearing in Annapolis Monday morning on Del. Frank McCourt's (D. 2nd) bill to outlaw evictions in cases where tenants failed to make rent payments for housing with serious building violations.

McCourt's bill (No. 458) is to be aired before the

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'Good mother' loses her seven children

The seven children of a 3700 block Edmondson Ave. family were committed to the care of the Department of Public Welfare Wednesday.

However, Judge Charles Moylan Sr., who heard the case in Juvenile Court, found the mother, Mrs. Luvenia Barnes Wayman, age 37, not guilty of neglect.

In handing down his decision, he stated, "Neither is the father guilty of neglect. He is in the hospital.

"The mother, employed as a maid at a sanitarium, received such a small wage, she was unable to care for her children."

The 69-year-old jurist who celebrated his birthday that day, March 9, then made an unusual statement.

He said, "The real culprit at whose feet neglect can be laid is the employer who, it was testified, paid

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Honor Roll nominations

Anyone who has rendered service to his fellow man, without thought of personal gain, is eligible to be among the ten persons or groups the AFRO will cite to its Honor Roll achievements of 1965.

Nominations may be made by any AFRO reader in a statement of not more than 300 words, mailed to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 21201.

Members of the Honor Roll will be persons or organizations whose activities, done for the good of others, were over and above what normally was to be expected during their work in 1965.

The closing date for entries will be announced soon, so send your nominations to the AFRO Honor Roll in now.

Wounded Soldiers In New Roles

By BERNARD GARNETT
WASHINGTON

Wednesday morning, a Walter Reed Army Hospital patient, and a part - time informal student of military science removed his faded blue denim hospital garb for the more fashionable Army Green.

With a black, raised patch, covering the right eye—permanently injured in the Vietnam war he set out to address a group of World War I veterans and discuss our commitment in Southeast Asia.

This is one way Spc. E-4 James F. Johnson, 25, of 711 Harvard St., NW, spends his time convalescing. Johnson —and most others at the hospital—keeps his morale up with a stubborn refusal to pity himself.

In most of the wards, wounded soldiers play parlor games, watch television, exercise, visit their homes when possible, anything to take their minds off their woes.

John T. Oliver, a Baltimore parent; and Samuel Newman, a D.C. bachelor who hopes to soon resume his engineering studies at Howard University, have lost use of one of their arms.

But both look at the courage of inmates in worse situations and reinforce their own determination to recover.

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WALTER REED Hospital is full of young men who have been hurt in the war but who have not lost their courage.

There was the soldier who lost both legs in a Vietnam battle. While at Walter Reed, he spent every possible moment in exercises that would give enough strength to the rest of his body to compensate for the lack of these limbs when he returned to civilian life.

Though Sgt. E-5 Oliver was not in the ward with this hero competitor, just hearing of it fortified his already strong desire to conquer his handicap.

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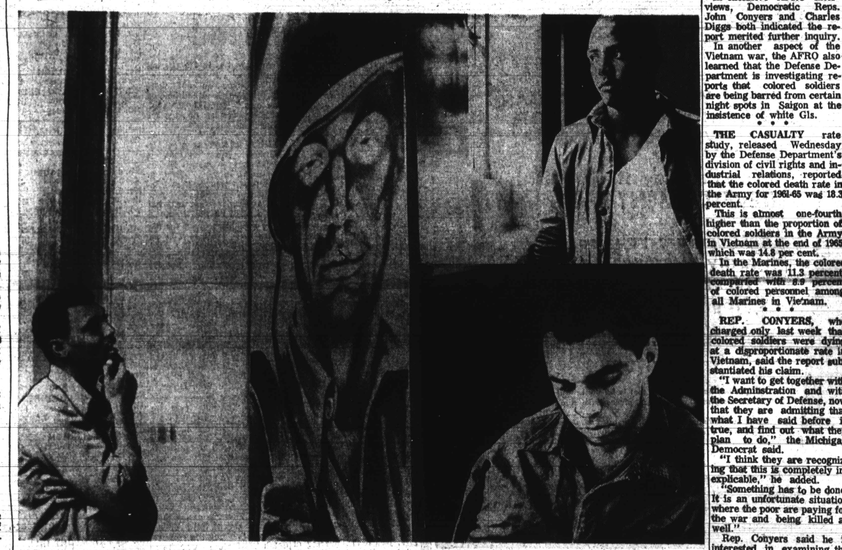

RECOVERY — Rather than allow Walter Reed Hospital to become a prison, these three young men keep themselves occupied while recovering from injuries sustained in the Vietnam conflict. At left, James F. Johnson studies a portrait of a World War II GI. John T. Oliver (upper right) en route to a hospital treatment center, expresses determination to regain use of his arm. Samuel Newman feels that if seriously injured troops can smile, so can he. (Sunnar photos)

Congressman seeks check on bar bans

By J. LINN ALLEN

Michigan's two colored U.S. Congressmen said Thursday they were going to start asking the Defense Department questions about a published report that colored soldiers were dying at a higher rate than white soldiers in Vietnam.

In exclusive AFRO interviews, Democratic Reps. John Conyers and Charles Diggs both indicated the report merited further inquiry.

In another aspect of the Vietnam war, the AFRO also learned that the Defense Department is investigating reports that colored soldiers are being barred from certain night spots in Saigon at the insistence of white GIs.

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THE CASUALTY rate study, released Wednesday by the Defense Department's division of civil rights and industrial relations, reported that the colored death rate in the Army for 1965-66 was 16.3 percent.

This is almost one-fourth higher than the proportion of colored soldiers in the Army in Vietnam at the end of 1965 which was 14.8 per cent.

In the Marines, the colored death rate was 11.3 percent, compared with 9.9 percent of colored personnel among all Marines in Vietnam.

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REP. CONYERS, who charged only last week that colored soldiers were dying at a disproportionate rate in Vietnam, said the report substantiated his claim.

"I want to get together with the Administration and with the Secretary of Defense, now that they are admitting that what I have said before is true, and find out what they plan to do," the Michigan Democrat said.

"I think they are recognizing that this is completely inexplicable," he added.

"Something has to be done. It is an unfortunate situation where the poor are paying for the war and being killed as well."

Rep. Conyers said he is interested in examining the possibilities of changing the draft law in order to increase the opportunities of deferment for colored youths un-

—See Viet war dead, Page 2

Lieutenant's trip target of new probe

A veteran police detective lieutenant is the target of a departmental investigation probing his alleged association with a suspected numbers backer, Gen. George M. Gelston, interim police commissioner, announced late Thursday.

General Gelston ordered the official probe after receiving information that the lieutenant and the alleged racketeer, in company with others, spent a three - day vacation in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

According to information in possession of the commissioner, the police officer, the suspected numbers baron, and a woman flew to the island territory Feb. 3 after receiving tips-offs on an Eastern Airline flight.

The information, compiled by a daily newspaper reporter and Ralph G. Murdy, man-

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'Favorite Teacher' Ballots Pour In

In wildly swinging voting this week in the AFRO's Favorite Teachers Contest, the leads changed faster than in a sack race as students turned in a soarling half million votes since Tuesday to push total ballots past the million mark.

The two male teachers among the top five managed to hold their own, although their leads slipped a little, as vote tabulations reached 1,033,800.

William H. Ross of Cherry Hill Junior High lost his first place position to Mrs. Helen DeLeaver, Robert Fulton School 156, who was first last Friday then fell to fifth place and bounced back into first today with 115,000 votes.

Mr. Ross' 113,400 votes place him in second place today. The other male member of the top five, Ernest Moody of Collington Square School, 97, slipped from third to fifth with 55,400 votes.

Rounding out the leaders are:

Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, Windsor Hills School 87, who jumped into third place with 91,500.

Mrs. Sylvia Witherspoon, William A. Alexander School 112, who went from second to fourth with 73,600.

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WITH LESS than a month left in the contest the appealing thought of Bermuda vacations for two Favorite Teachers, plus 12 cash prizes and free trips for the two winning classes are building the wide-open race—for students and teachers alike—to fever pitch intensity.

For one of the teachers

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Family fights for children

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

An unusual case involving the custody of six children continue today (Friday) in Juvenile Court before Judge Charles Moylan Sr.

The hearing began Wednesday and at one point while members of the family decide their fate for custody, Judge Moylan described the neatly dressed youngsters as "the prettiest bench full of children I ever laid eyes on."

Seeking the court's sanction in their caring for the children, whose mother died two years ago, are:

Their father, Robert Lewis Wright, 31, 900 block Hollins St., a self - employed contractor who says he has a new home and a married housekeeper and wants his children with him.

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HIS SISTER, Mrs. Mary Dean, 900 block Argyle Ave., who is keeping the youngest children, ages one and two.

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THREE maternal aunts, sisters of the deceased mother, Mesdames Bernice Mercer, 2100 block Braddish Ave.; Lorraine Hill, 2100 block Braddish Ave.; Catherine Hodge, 2100 block Dukeland St.

At some time during the two years, Mesdames Mercer, Hill and Hodge have maintained the children in their separate and respective homes, in the same neighborhood.

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ALSO interested in the welfare of the children and in court are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright, 2000 block N. Payson St., paternal grandmother and grandfather of the youngsters.

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THE PLIGHT of the motherless children age one year to 12 years was brought to the attention of the court by the petition of Sgt. Violet Hill Whyte who

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Film rights seen Clay fight bar

Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee Adam Clayton Powell and Cleveland Browns star fullback Jim Brown made no bones about their suspicion that colored personnel are systematically eliminated from the sports business mainstream.

In a press conference Thursday afternoon, Brown charged that his group's closed circuit TV rights to the proposed Clay - Terrell fight was the real reason so one wanted the bout, not the indignation over Cassius Clay's Vietnam conflict remarks.

(When he was reclassified three weeks ago, the heavyweight champ announced that he had nothing against either the Viet Cong or Red China and would appeal the draft on the ground that he is a conscientious objector.

(At that time the fight—originally scheduled for Chicago — was disallowed after Muhammad Ali, as Clay prefers to be called, refused to make a public apology before the Illinois State Legislator and the state's attorney general.

(Several cities have first accepted, and then rejected, the bout since then.)

Later on Thursday, it was announced in Atlantic City that Terrell had definitely pulled out of the fight.

POWELL AGREED with the business angle contention but said Ali's anti-draft remarks were definitely a factor, also, citing the heavyweight champion's Black Muslim affiliation.

The New York Congressman said that Ali had been condemned, despite statements by Senators William Fulbright (D.-Ark.) and Wayne Morse (D.-Ore.), two outspoken opponents of the

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BULLETIN

NEW YORK—A jury of nine white and three colored men ignored the dramatic confession of one of the three accused slayers of black nationalist Malcolm X and found all three guilty of first degree murder early Friday morning. The verdict carries a mandatory life sentence since New York abolished capital punishment last year.

The verdict came after 20 hours of deliberation and followed more than eight weeks of testimony by 26 states witnesses and 19 defense witnesses, a number of whom were present at the Audubon Ballroom where Malcolm X died in a barrage of bullets Feb. 21, 1965.

Convicted were Talmadge Hayer, 24, of Paterson, N.J., who confessed, but said that Norman 3X Butler, 27, formerly as 15X Johnson, 30, both of the Bronx, had nothing to do with it.

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