Will Overcrowding Force Jail Board To Say 'No More Inmates'?

By SCOTT PONEMONE

The City Jail Board at its Wednesday meeting continued to amass evidence why jail overcrowding is an ever increasing danger and why the courts must take increased responsibility to alleviate overcrowding.

Or, as Board President H. Mebane Turner remarked half seriously, "I think we have the legal authority not to accept anymore inmates."

Or, as Deputy Warden Howard Parks suggested maybe the Jail should not accept prisoners after 5 p.m.

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Juvenile Court Judge Avrum Rifman, Board member, asserted, "Judges should be cognizant that we're beyond our capacity and be more tolerant on bail."

Judge Rifman's suggestion is the same one the Mayor's Jail Task Force, of which he is a member, came out with in its second report.

Little progress with lower bails and more first offenders and traffic violators out on their own recognizance has been made since the report so the Jail Board requested a meeting with the Supreme Bench and the 5th District Court administrative chiefs next month.

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The prime source of new evidence was the report of the Mayor's Special Committee on Medical Problems of the City Jail.

Dr. Arlie Mansberger, Dr. Roland T. Smoot and Dr. Phillip F. Wagley commended the Jail's medical but noted:

"The overcrowding at the City Jail places excessive demands on the medical staff. When the capacity is exceeded, additional prisoners, for health reasons, should not be accepted.

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"Shortening pre-trial periods and not incarcerating so many traffic violators probably would relieve this significantly."

Medical Committee compiled these figures: "The Jail capacity is about 1,200. The number of male prisoners at the time of our first visit (Aug 25) was 1,492 pre-trial ones and 116 post-trial inmates.

There were 143 juveniles (from 14 to 17 years old). In addition, there were 72 females, 90 per cent of whom were pre-trial individuals."

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As to the juveniles and women prisoners, Deputy Warden Parks urged that both groups be moved from the jail.

He noted, since the U.S. District Court decree, juveniles were kept one to a cell instead of the normal doubling up so they really take up enough room for over 200 adult inmates.

The overcrowding issue was raised in another report issued at the Wednesday Board meeting. This one was in answer to federal Judge Frank Kaufman's Interim Decree concerning concerning prison rights.

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In it, the Jail Steward, Captain James Cotton, reported: "Our budget is based upon $.85 per inmate per day, per a 1,500 jail count.

"From the beginning of July, our count has been between 1,600 and 1,700 inmates; plus adding the correctional and non-correctional personnel, approximately 240 city employees, this brings our count to approximate minimum of 1,800, 540 daily per meal over the budget."

The reasons brought out at the Board meeting for the enlarged Jail population, up about 500 from last summer, were there were more police out on the streets making arrests and the inmate, more knowledgable about the court system, were purposely using court delays.

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Concerning his request for court assistance, Judge Rifman remarked he would be pleased, if as a result of a review of pre-trial release standards, 50 inmates were released.

He added, "If ten of them leave the state, the State doesn't lose anything. It gains by it."

Dr. Bernard Harris, commissioner, was worried where the blame would fall if any of the 50 would then commit a serious crime, but Judge Rifman answered that would just be a "calculated risk," which is what the bail system is all about.

Judge Rifman concluded either the Jail population is decreased or one can expect an "explosion some day."

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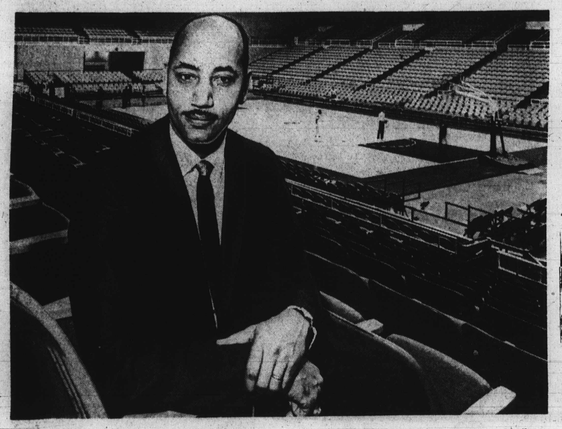

HAROLD J. JENNIFER JR. — "I enjoy my job because we've made people more comfortable."

CIVIC CENTER 10 YEARS AFTER

Harold Jennifer guides facility for first decade

By BLAINE TAYLOR

"The Baltimore Civic Center Commission is very happy for the splendid progress of the Baltimore Civic Center in its first ten years," its 50-year-old black executive director told the AFRO.

Harold J. Jennifer, Jr. continued: "The support of Baltimore's various communities has been tremendous."

He looks at the Center's next decade this way: "With the grand potential of our exciting new downtown with its additional, new and comfortable-renewed hotels, easy access has been provided for the Center.

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"Visitors in the future will find a most fascinating Inner Harbor Development.

"Hopefully, the addition of the proposed $2.5 million convention hall meeting room for the accommodation of 5,000 people for year-round conventions, will enable us to look forward to Baltimore's emergence as top convention and trade show center.

"We hope to continue the Center's leadership." Mr. Jennifer went on, "in providing its facilities for outstanding music and sports attractions and business, political, social and educational meetings."

The commission began its ten year's celebration Oct. 23 with the proclamation of "Ten Years of Progress Week," by the governor and mayor.

Mr. Jennifer was appointed as the first black executive director of the center in October, 1966 by former Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, and has served ever since.

His contract runs for three years, and Mr. Jennifer has just completed his second one, plus two one-

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32nd annual NAACP convention

The 32nd annual Maryland State NAACP Convention is Oct. 27 and 28 at the Delmarva Convention Hall, Delmar, Md.

The schedule of events includes registration, (today) Friday 9 a.m.

The opening session Friday is from 10 a.m. to noon, with workshops from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and a dance from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Saturday will begin with a general session workshop, 9 to 11:30 a.m. with the theme "The Role of the NAACP in the Seventies."

A Freedom Banquet will

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Corner dope sale at Longwood, Westwood

Nathaniel Poindexter Grant, 29, was found guilty Wednesday in Criminal Court by Judge David Ross of narcotic violations.

He was sentenced to four years in jail dating from Feb. 1, 1972 the day he was arrested, according to court records read by Anton Keating, assistant state's attorney, Mr. Grant was arrested at the corner of Westwood Ave., and Longwood St., when he was seen receiving money from a Mrs. Janice Robinson.

The area has long been an "indicted" dope corner according to police records.

Court records read by the prosecutor, state, "He then went into a bar on Westwood Ave. When he returned, he gave Mrs. Robinson a glassine bag. Mrs. Robinson was arrested and four glassine bags were found on her. Two glassine bags were found in the defendant's key case."

Mr. Grant has two prior convictions, one of assault and the other possession of heroin in Jan. 1971.

Woodlawn students flare-up

More than two-thirds of the black student enrollment of Woodlawn Senior High School, about 150 pupils, staged an all-day boycott of classes Wednesday.

Student leader, Charles Elliott, an 11th grader at the Baltimore County school, stated that the boycott had been called in protest of the suspension of another student last week.

School administrator, James Hackman, claimed the principal grievance of the group stemmed from suspension of two student's for possession of deadly weapons.

The incident was alleged to have taken place when a white student, who had earlier in the day threatened a black student, was confronted by the black student on an afternoon school bus.

The first student, at this point, drew what was later found to be an 'antique revolver' from a pocket and the second student responded by reaching for the bus fire ax.

Subsequently, both students were placed on suspension pending a hearing

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REMINDING YOU to turn back the clock one hour Saturday night is 8-year old Deborah Ward, Elementary School 71 3rd grader. Getting back to standard time the last Sunday in October gives Baltimoreans one hour more of daylight.

Vote On Election Day Nov. 7, 1972

Capsule to be sealed in school named for Dr. King

Nov. 1 will be a big day for the future students of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, No. 254, 3750 Greenspring Ave., because on that day a capsule containing mementoes of the late civil rights leader will be sealed in the school's cornerstone during a special ceremony.

Thomas M. Boone, principal designate of the new school, will preside at the ceremony during which the members of the Student Council will present the copper box to Jack H. Abbott, project manager, DPBC, and R. Ridgley, resident inspector, DPBC.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, as well as to contribute items for inclusion in the capsule

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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Thomas Boone proudly shows off the capsule which will be a highlight of the ceremony on Nov. 1. Perhaps 100 or more years from now school children will open the container and be able to learn about Dr. King and schools of today.

THE MAJOR SPEAKS TO THE PEOPLE

Ladies: don't let robbers take your holiday money

The Holiday Season is not very far off. Here are a few tips for women to protect their holiday money.

IN CASE OF HOLDUP . . .

If you are robbed, it's better to lose $2.37 than $100, right? So one of the basic rules a woman should observe is not to carry any more money in her purse than she absolutely needs.

You never know who is listening, so never discuss with anybody how much money is in your purse.

Your purse is the target of purse snatchers. Rushing past, they rip the purse from an unsuspecting woman's hand and run. Many women sustain injuries by falling and by being pushed to the ground, in addition to losing their purses.

Follow the simple rules

MAJ. JAMES WATKINS

The hearing gave the Commission the opportunity to question William C. Litsinger, director of the county Personnel Department. Around 60 years old and sporting a crewcut, Mr. Litsinger declared he has headed the hiring for all county Civil Service jobs (except for the school system) for 14 years.

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Commission Counsel Philip Tierney prefaced his question to Mr. Litsinger by saying the overall percentage of black people in county jobs is about 6 per cent but all of them are concentrated in low paying

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I WANT A JOB

No skill, no money, no education, no hope

EDITOR'S NOTE: This series appearing each Friday in the AFRO now until after the November election, focuses on 'I WANT A JOB.'

The intent is to examine the present job-market in Baltimore, to shed light-on-successes and failures of persons seeking jobs and to inform members of the

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Nabbed 5 times for digits

Mrs. Arnetta Wingfield, 38, 3600 block Springdale was arrested five times at her home on lottery violations and was released each time on $500 bond.

When she appeared in Northwestern District Court Wednesday, her attorney, Nathan Stern, asked the trial be continued since he had just received information concerning his client's cases.

Judge Vern Munger rescheduled the trial for Nov. 22, "The last continuance".

A search and seizure warrant was carried out by Detective George Weber on Oct. 2, 3, 4 and 5, each time at 1 p.m.

The last arrest was Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m. and on each occasion evidence of a gambling operation was found, the officer said.

LOOK AROUND YOU

County hiring philosophy keeps offices lily-white

By SCOTT PONEMONE

EDITOR'S NOTE — Too often public agencies in the city and state offer more nuisances than services. Agencies may well be unable to handle the needs of Baltimore's black citizens since too few of the agencies' workers and very few of their supervisors are black.

This series of articles called "Look Around You," is written to help AFRO readers know more about their public agencies and inspire them and the agencies to correct the inequities.

Critics have pointed out last weekend's state Human Relations Commission hearing on supposed racism in Baltimore County government was only a tired rehash of past Civil Rights Commission investigations, but it did serve to reemphasize the County's poor employment record.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald David Davis

Union Memorial Methodist Church was the setting for the recent marriage of Miss Precious Tindal and Donald David Davis. The couple was united in a double ring ceremony by the Rev. A. N. Frazier of Washington, D.C.

Given in marriage by her father, the Rev. Henry Whitfield Tindal, pastor of New Little Jerusalem F.B.H. Church, the bride was lovely in an A-line white satin organza gown with silk floss appliques. Her high collar of silk floss complimented the Bishop sleeves and flowing detachable train. A Cathedral-length veil of white illusion attached to a white hat served as her headpiece.

Mrs. Eugie Watkins sister of the bride was the matron of honor. bride, was Margaret Ann and Carolyn Lee, both sisters of the bride, were the maids of honor. Mrs. Watkins gown was of gold chiffon with matching ruffles. The maids-of-honor were in leaf green with matching ruffles. Each carried identical bouquets of chrysanthimums and mums with flowing lin ribbon.

Brides maids were Misses Veronica Landrum, Janice Smith, Freda Watts, Joanne Davis, Deborah Davis and Ursula Fowlkes, all of Baltimore. Their gowns were of chiffon crepe in a purple field flower print with solid purple satin sashes.

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Little Shannon Dionne Spicer of Baltimore and Patrice Marie Washington of Carmody Hills, Md. were the flower girls. Their dresses were of full white chiffon. White satin ribbon served as headpieces. In their flower baskets were white carnations.

The bridegroom's attendants were Manwell Savage, best man; Allen Tindal, George Tindal, Milton Walker, Thomas Carey, Gregory Davis, William Woods, Charles Cole and Clyde Spicer, ushers, all of Baltimore. Danquai Westmoreland of Cherry Hill, was the ring bearer.

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Following the noon ceremony, the couple greeted their 200 guests from New York City, Camden, N.J., Philadelphia, Pa., Washington, D.C. and Baltimore in the church hall. Later that day they left for a honeymoon to Niagara Falls and Ontario, Canada. They are now at home on Fern Park Ave.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD DAVID DAVIS
married at Union Memorial Methodist Church
(Photo by John Dorman)

The new Mrs. Davis is a graduate of Western High and Coppin State where she received her B.A. and M.E. degrees. She is a teacher at Garrison Junior High School. She is also director of the gospel chorus at her father's church.

Mr. Davis, a Dunbar High graduate, is studying at Coppin State. He is active in church and community activities and is president of the Baltimore Tennis Team. He is an Air Force veteran having toured South Korea in 1966. Mr. Davis is employed by the Baltimore Public Schools, Division of Security.

for and about Women

LADIES, LADIES—Here are a few of the Alpha Wives who participated in the Second Annual Celestial Ball held last Friday at the Eastwind. From left are Mesdames Audrey Davis, Sarah Elias, Vera Proctor, Ellen Jones, Catherine Adams and Perlie Corley.

R.S.V.P. with Marie

Prince Hall Masons off to Liberia today

By MARIE MURPHY PHILLIPS COOKE

Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels and Mrs. Daniels (Gladys), are leading a groupp of Prince Hall Masons which left today (Friday) for Monrovia, Liberia: Occasion is the Supreme Council meeting, Southern Jurisdiction, which will attract Masonic leaders from all over the U.S. There, the Council will confer the 33rd degree on some 60 outstanding citizens. George Evans of Baltimore is one of the honorees.

Head of the Southern Jurisdiction is Dr. John G. Lewis of Baton Rouge. Also in attendance will be a substantial delegation from the Northern Jurisdiction headed by Leland French.

Baltimoreans on the flight which left Dulles Airport this afternoon were Messrs. and Mesdames M. Brooks Waters, Norman Edwards, George Evans, John Hawkins, Samuel Johnson and J. H. Jones Jr.

Messrs. and Mesdames Alfred Dixon and Frederick T. Hicks. Also, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, Misses Roslyn Allen and Carolyn Evans and Norman Evans and Col. Ernest Armstrong.

Also going: Messrs. and Mesdames Marion W. Barkley, I. Abott Waters, Thomas E. Fisher, Tindley Tender, Alexander Pittman, and Namon Palmer.

Messrs. William Briggs, Melton A. Wilson, Spencer L. Gray, and Edward V. DeShields, and Bishop Leroy James, Sr.

MISS ANITA V. FOSTER
feted at retirement dinner

PHILOMATHIANS

The Philomathian Club opened its season a Saturday ago when Mrs. John Chissell entertained the group at her Forest Park Ave. home.

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th) was guest speaker. He was accompanied by his administrative assistant, Miss Terri Dutch.

Both told how a congressman's office operates and Congressman Mitchell discussed vital issues of the Nov. 7 election when he is a candidate for a second term.

GIRL FRIENDS

The Baltimore Chapter of Girl Friends, Inc. met on Saturday, at the William Parrott's Denison Road home with Mrs. Parrott (Mae) as hostess for the second meeting of the season.

She was assisted by the husband, their son, Bill Jr., his wife, Mildred, and their daughter, Angela.

Before a glowing fireplace with a background of autumn flowers and organ music, the group enjoyed cockciency and ease.

The President, Theda Wilson, presided over the business meeting which included a period of silence in memory of the recently deceased member of the group, Lula Mackay. Expressions of sympathy were read from the National president, Mrs. Jacqueline Robinson, and other chapters of the Girl Friends, Inc. throughout the national body.

Members present were: Mesdames Bernice Chatman, Georgianna Chester, Anne Davis, Margaret Driver, Ruth Jennifer, Laura Newton, Catherine Law, Olga Parker, Mae Parrott, Agnes Patterson, Eliza Robinson, Gwendolyn Roperl, Irma Roy, Gaynelle Spaulding, Elizabeth Stewart, Anita Wheatley, Doris Wheeler, Mas Williams, Vera Williams, Catherine Wilson, and Theda Wilson.

Members not present were: Mesdames Gwendolyn Lynch, Mazie Rea, and Frances Vessells. The guest was Mrs. Verneice Wynn.

On the weekend of Octber 27, Mrs. Gwendolyn Raper will attend the National Girl Friends, Inc. Executive Meeting in Pittsburgh as the delegate from the Baltimore Chapter.

ALPHA WIVES

These gracious ladies, known as the Alpha Wives, did it again with their Second Annual Celestial Ball last Friday at the Eastwind.

Headed by Mrs. Ernestine Press, those gals greeted and entertained their hundreds of guests with efficiency and ease.

Co-chairmen of the Ball Committee were Mesdames Vivian Sydnor and Catherine Adams.

Other members are Mesdames Eleanor Anderson, Pearlie Corley, Audrey Davis, Sarah Elias, Arnetta Hargrove, Ellen Johns and Susan King.

Also, Mesdames Patricia Page, Frances Pennington, Shirley Pinkett Vera Proctor, Doris Reese, Alice Shelton, Ada Veney, Elaine Hardy, Geraldine Gates and NeKeetha Gregory.

Cuff Note: (Wanta know who was there? Ask group members. There were too, too many to print in this column).

WALKED 20 MILES

Participating in the "Stop the Hunger" Walk-A-Thon on Sunday were David and Debby Lottier. The youngsters walked 20 miles each while Daddy, George, tagged behind in the car. (Just in case one couldn't make it). David, 11 is a 5th grader at All Saints School. Debby, 14, is in the 9th grade at Archbishop Keough.

A SURPRISE

Miss Anita V. Foster, retired school teacher, never expected relatives, friends and co-workers to honor her at a banquet dinner at the Big Table. But they did.

Nearly 100 persons gathered at the Pulaski Highway restaurant a few days ago and paid tribute to the lady who had devoted over 40 years to the school system.

Miss Foster is well-known, especially in East Baltimore. She taught pupils with learning handicaps at Schools No. 126, 116 and 126. She has been praised for her interest in students and on many occasions used her personal funds to make life a little easier for underprivileged children.

Presiding at the dinner was a longtime friend, Mrs. Esther Jackson. The invocation and testimonials came from the Rev. Irvin Lockman, pastor of Christ Methodist Church; the Rev. Octavius Graham, pastor, Knox Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. N. B. Carrington.

The honoree was cited for her service to the system by Mrs. Bernice Turner, former principal of School No. 126.

About were Miss Foster's brother, William Foster; nieces, Mrs. Shirley Scurry, Miss Brenda Foster, Mrs. Kaaneryn Cornish and Carol Lynn

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IT'S NEW, EXCITING

Columbia Capers

By PINNIE L. ROSS

COLUMBIA, MD. — "Lo and Behold" a comedy was presented for the benefit of the Columbia Chapter of Jack and Jill at the Garland Dinner Theatre on October 13. The more than 300 patrons glittered and sparkled and their appearance was almost equaled by the superb cuisine. The portable table of plenty was rolled away for the 8:30 p.m. curtain. Two intermissions permitted glimpses of and short chats with some of Columbia's lively, interesting residents and their guests.

Among those enjoying "Lo and Behold" were Messrs. and Mesdames John J. Cardwell (Willie) very chic in a long wool lavender jersey gown with long sleeves and a big circle on left side which enclosed lively red and green; Miles Robinson, newly wed guests of the Cardwell's, Julia was stunnig in an ice blue satin jersey gown with long sleeves that were cleverly bare; Johnson McClurkin (Evelyn) in a gown with brightly colored plaid skirt and black turtle necked top; Steve Wilson (Vera) dashing in a black and white metallic wide legged pantsuit accentuated with antique jewelry notable was the necklace of alternating purple and orange; Thomas Briscoe (Roberta) elegant in demure black gown nipped and tucked daintily from the waist up high-lighted by a soft long sleeved white top. Rosa Johnson, fashion show commentator for yours truly, was glowing in a black and white Donald Brooks pantsuit; Mrs. Pearl Birkland of Lanham was resplendent in a black gown—the top snug, long sleeves, high stand up collar and the skirt full with rows of short fluffy ruffles parading intermittently from waist to hemline.

Messrs. and Mesdames Philbin Scott (Grace) wrapped around in a beautiful long skirt, topped with a bibbed front blouse; Martin L. McKenney (Nampeo) looking good in a gown of nylon crepe with fitted bodice, chocker neckline with keyhold opening, the multicolored skirt was softly gathered at waist; Leroy Thompson (Mentroa) guests of the writer at this and many other activities in Columbia, smart indeed in a multicolored jumpsuit featuring very wide-legs —the outfit ornamented with a wide lavender belt.

Warren Jones (Iris) and Messrs. and Mesdames' guests of the Briscoe's (Elaine), white gown slit up the side sporting a matching blazer; Earl Dandridge (Irene) president of the Chapter, svelte in polyester double knit dress of brown and white-princess style-Mrs. Allen Dandridge, Irene's mother-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, the Herbert Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. William Gwathmey were guests of the Dandridge's.

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IT'S PARTY TIME—Guests seen at the Baltimore Lawyers' Wives' Benefit at Eudowood Gardens were from left, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne nd Dr. and Mrs. James Priest. (AFRO photo by Moss).

SHOWERED WITH GIFTS—Mrs. Delvora Vickers, center, celebrated her birthday with relatives and friends at the Elegante Room on Saturday evening. Joining in on the festivities were her daughter, Mrs. Christine Smith, and a friend, Mitchell McComb. (More about the affair in R.S.V.P. with Marie). AFRO photo by John Dorman.