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NATIONAL ROUNDUP

WASHINGTON — The nation's capital's traditionally hot summers, intensified by high humidity, may set records this year — 1983 — with politics, both local and national, adding to the rising temperature. On the domestic front, the City Council has its hands full trying to satisfy local voters on two significant issues — the proposed city numbers lottery and the already approved "No-Fault" insurance law. Both issues have occupied a great deal of the council's time this summer but are still unsettled.

The No-Fault bill has been passed by the Council and survived an attempt by Councilman John Ray to get it off the books with a substitute bill, and so come Oct. 1 District motorists must have auto insurance and it must be "no-fault" insurance. The thorny issue received a great deal of opposition from the legal profession in the city, and may still face some further legal complaints before it goes into effect, and afterwards if things don't work out as its proponents have contended.

Under the no-fault bill no lawyers are required; the insurance companies have a 30-day time limit for settlement. Accident victims can get up to $126,000 and all victims will receive comprehensive benefits. But opponents say the cost of the insurance will skyrocket; proponents says it will be about the same. Motorists are confused but everybody will have to just wait and see as Oct. 1 is the date for everybody to be on the insurance books. As of now, it has been estimated the 40 percent of drivers don't have any auto insurance.

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On the lottery issue, things are still in a sort of mess, but may be straightened out by the time DAWN readers see this. On the other hand, things could get worse on the lottery front and the city will still be without a legalized numbers game which they voted for two years ago.

The city gambling commission has been operating a scratch-type lottery game as a sort of preliminary to the real numbers game which was scheduled to go into action this month. The commission was operating the game through an outside firm and apparently was making a good deal for the city coffers, but when it came to letting the contract for the numbers game things got sticky. Three companies bid for the contract, and the two losers yelled to high heaven that the winning firm did not meet the full specifications of employment of a fair percentage of minorities.

The mayor thought so, too, and said as much in several public statements. The losing firms went to court with the final result that the court ordered a second consideration of the bidding firms, and surprise, the first winning company re-

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gained the contract on the second go-round. Thus, it looked like the numbers game was all set for the District by August but not so. A city councilmember complained that too much money was being spent for expense by the lottery board and suggested that the city take over the complete operation of the numbers game. Moreover, Congress stepped into the fray, suggesting that an investigation may be made of how the lottery funds were being handled.

As it is, the whole operation has been delayed and certainly will not go into action this month — August.

Ironically, the city admits the gambling operation to date through the scratch-type lottery has been profitable. Meanwhile, the Maryland lottery has added new games and is virtually "cleaning up."

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On the national political front, everybody is wondering who among blacks in the Republican Administration will be the next to go. Arthur E. Teele Jr., administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, left on July 10 and there is talk that several others who don't want to be identified as of now are planning to skip off to home and seek other political posts or return to their previous activities before November.

In his letter of acceptance to Teele, President Reagan declared, "You have compiled an outstanding record of achievement not only during your tenure as Administrator of UMTA, but also during your earlier service with the 1980 campaign, with the transition and as vice chairman of the Inaugural Committee."

Teele said he plans to "return to the private practice law."

OFF THE CUFF NOTES: With the Shuttle Challenger back on earth after making its orbit with Dr. Sally Ride as the first United States woman to ride in Space, all eyes are on Aug. 13 when the next flight is expected to have Guion Bluford, the first black astronaut aboard . . . . Dr. John B. Slaughter, chancellor of the University of Maryland, was the speaker at the July 14 session of the National Patent Law Association when NPLA honored its past presidents and scientists . . . . In line with its recent promise to develop more upward mobility among its minority employees, the Mid-Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company recently promoted Edward Washington to vice president. Washington was formerly general manager of the company's sales center in Capital Heights, MD. . . . . Washington's Cardozo High School's 1933 class is making plans for a 50th reunion. James E. Foster Sr. is the committee chairman and may be reached at the school or 202-673-7384.

Charles Hamilton Houston, the first black person to serve on the Harvard Law Review and former dean of Howard University Law School, is considered the "principal strategist in the process that led to the landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision," but few people have heard of Charles Houston according to the author of a new book: "Groundworks: Charles Hamilton Houston and the Strug-

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