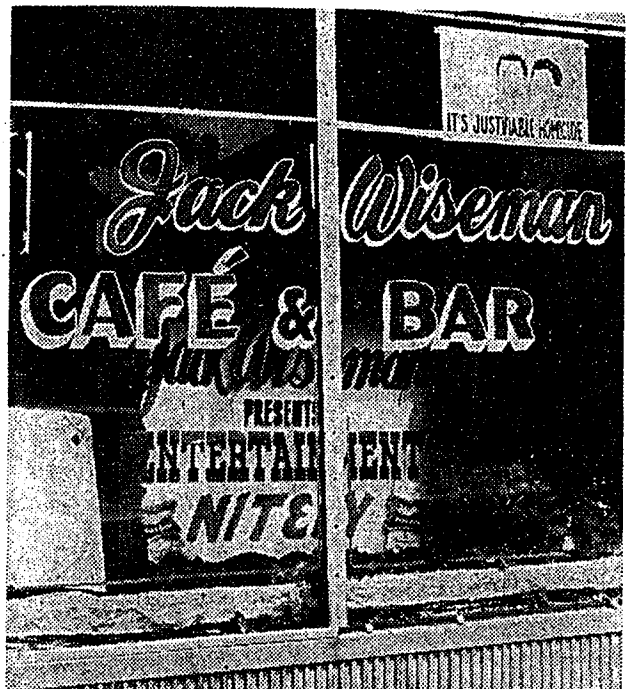


Trial of H. Rap Brown Changed to Harford

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CAMBRIDGE, Md., July 17
— Against the wishes of his attorney, the trial of H. Rap Brown on charges growing out of last summer's racial disturbances in Cambridge was



Campaign in the Ghetto

This is one of several store windows around 14th and U Streets nw. on which an unidentified group has been pasting sketches of the family accused in the recent slaying of a policeman. The sketches are labeled "It's justifiable homicide" (upper right).

ordered removed today to Harford County Circuit Court. Judge C. Burnham Mace ordered the removal at the request of the State, which testified earlier that the militant

black leader's safety might be jeopardized if he were tried in Cambridge. Mace said, "The security measures necessary for an extended trial and the condition of public awareness would create an atmosphere of excitement which could operate detrimentally to the interest and rights of the defendant, the State and the general public."

He said the State "has met its burden of showing to the satisfaction of the court that it, as well as the defendant, could not have a fair, orderly and impartial trial in Dorchester County."

Brown has been indicted on charges of arson and inciting to riot. The charges grew out of a night of burning and shooting that followed a speech by Brown last July.

National Guard troops and State police were kept in Cambridge for more than a month after the disturbances.

William M. Kunstler, Brown's attorney, opposed the removal in a hearing on the request earlier this month. He said that Brown could not get an unprejudiced trial anywhere in the Nation, but could get the fairest possible trial in Cambridge "where he has a constituency."

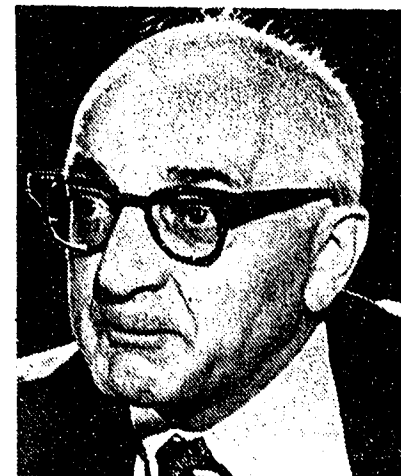
Harford County's Negro population is far smaller than that of Dorchester County, Bel Air, where the trial will be held, is 100 miles from Cambridge. No date has been set for the trial.



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... asks public hearings



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... criticizes Bress



SAM ABBOTT
... accuses police

Coalition Backs, Clerics Oppose BUF

By Leon Dash
Washington Post Staff Writer
Members of a coalition representing nine organizations yesterday endorsed the Black United Front resolution describing the slaying of a District policeman as "justifiable homicide" and roundly condemned Washington's Police Department.

At the same time, the Baptist Ministers Conference of D.C. and Vicinity issued a statement repudiating the Front's resolution "unequivocally" and went on record as supporting the Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy, a member of the Front and vice chairman of the City Council.

Individuals in the coalition emphasized they were speaking as individuals and not as organizational representatives at a two-hour press conference. They called the Police Department abusive and in need of civilian control. Monroe Freedman, a professor at George Washington University Law School, said the rhetoric of the Black

United Front has forced "the treatment of black citizens" by the Police Department into the open.

Freedman also accused U.S. Attorney David G. Bress of "prosecuting the victims of police brutality rather than the policemen."

"I think that Prof. Freedman is in error," Bress told a reporter later. "In any case that involves evidence of police misconduct, the evidence is reviewed and sent to the grand jury. If the grand jury sends down an indictment, the policeman goes up for trial."

Bress pointed out that one policeman, Pvt. Norman Selmar, was indicted by a grand jury last summer and the trial resulted in acquittal. Sam Abbott, of the Emergency Committee on the Transportation Crisis, criticized the coroner's jury process in investigating police shootings "as antiquated" and accused the Police Department of harassing local black militants.

The Center for Emergency Support, represented by its chairman, Arthur Waskow, issued a release at the press conference yesterday questioning whether the Police Department is a "colonial, racist system."

Criticizing the lack of civilian control over Washington's policemen, Waskow said the Democratic Central Committee, as the only elected representative body in the District, should hold public hearings on the Police Department.

"We now call upon the Central Committee to hold public hearings," Waskow said, "if the City Council will not." The City Council Tuesday night rejected a request from the Council on Human Relations that it immediately hold public hearings on the subject of police-community relations. Instead, Council Chairman John W. Hechtiger directed the Committee on Public Safety to investigate methods of improving police commu-

nity relations and report back to the Council by Aug. 6.

The chairman of the Council's committee on public safety, William S. Thompson, said yesterday his group will begin work immediately.

Thompson said interviews will be conducted as time permits and urged "members of the public to direct written—specific—recommendations to the committee, in care of the Office of the Council Secretary."

Chief of Police John G. Layton said his Department will "cooperate fully" with Thompson's committee.

"It is important, however," Layton said, "to emphasize that the betterment of police and community relations requires effort not only on the part of the police but also on the part of the citizens whom we serve." In another action yesterday, the Jewish Community Council called for "an immediate investigation and study" by the City Council of the incidents in which policemen were shot and in which a citizen was shot by police.

Robbery, Rape Trial Under Way

Trial began yesterday in Prince George's Circuit Court for Eddie Nance, 21, charged with rape, robbery and burglary during a gang invasion of an Accokeek home on Jan. 15.

A jury of nine men and three women heard the victim's husband tell how four men came to his home and asked to borrow an automobile jack and then to sue the telephone.

This was the prelude to an evening rampage during which the man's 60-year-old wife was raped, the eldest son beaten, five family members tied up, the house ransacked and valuables taken.

"This fellow right here," said the victim's husband as he pointed to Nance. "He was the one requesting the use of the phone."

"He showed me aside and ran into the den. When I got there he was standing in front of the television with a drawn automatic."

Nance, who is listed at 859 51st st. se., did not testify yesterday. His attorney, George P. Lamb Jr., repeatedly challenged witnesses' ability to identify Nance.

Awaiting a separate trial on the same charges and sodomy is Charles W. Alston of Washington. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a third man, Francis Delilly Jr., an escapee from Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital.

Judge Sustains Eviction of Poor

Attorneys for Hosea Williams, director of the Poor People's Campaign, struggled unsuccessfully in the Court of General Sessions yesterday to prove that the forcible evacuation of Resurrection City June 24 was illegal.

Paul E. Miller, Williams' chief counsel, argued before Judge DeWitt S. Hyde that the Interior Department, by issuing a permit for the "exclusive occupancy" of the 15 acres adjoining the Reflecting Pool, had entered into a "landlord-tenant" relationship with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"The SCLC," he said, constructed the shanties and supplied electricity and toilet facilities and had the right to decide who could visit the area. He said this was tantamount to a lease agreement.

Therefore, he said, the Government was required to follow "normal eviction procedures," through the courts, when the "permit or lease" expired.

"Under no circumstances," he said, "can the Government or police resort to self-help." Since the forcible evacuation of the camp was illegal,

he argued, the Government could not prosecute Williams for being there when the police moved in. He also asserted that even disregarding the "landlord-tenant" relationship, the Government broke its promise to give the occupants "reasonable time" to move out.

He asked for dismissal of the charges against Williams of demonstrating on Federal parkland without a permit and disorderly conduct.

"This Court cannot find," Judge Hyde said, "by any stretch of the law or the imagination, a landlord and tenant relationship." He ruled that SCLC's permit to use the land was analogous to the permission given to picnickers or golfers or tennis players to use Federal property for "a certain time and a certain purpose," and conveyed no rights beyond the time of expiration.

On the question of notice, the judge said that the expiration date of the permit was known to the SCLC leadership when it was first issued, and the group should have been ready to go.

He denied Miller's motions and ordered Williams' jury trial to begin this morning.

Poor People Set to Close Offices Here

By Willard Clopton Jr. and Paul W. Valentine
Washington Post Staff Writers

Weary officials of the Poor People's Campaign made ready yesterday to close their Washington offices and take a short rest before carrying their protest to the national political level.

Both the Campaign's local headquarters, at 1401 U st. nw., and its principal field office at 628 3d st. nw., will close Friday, a spokesman said. The press office, housed at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York ave. nw., is to remain open through next week.

The spokesman said the Southern Christian Leadership Conference may be without an office here for a brief period until the proposed "Poor People's Embassy" is opened.

No decisions have been made on where that office will be, when it will open or who will man it.

Sources said efforts are being made to obtain funds from two unnamed foundations to run the "embassy," which is to be a semi-permanent lobbying center representing the interests of poor people of all races and regions.

The last remnant of Campaign marchers continued their slow exodus from Washington yesterday.

About 60 persons were reported to have left the city since the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy told his followers on Tuesday to return home and involve themselves in local anti-poverty efforts.

Only about 250 Campaigners are estimated to remain in Washington. The SCLC, which is paying for their return bus transportation, expects the last of the group to leave by Friday.

The Rev. Andrew Young, SCLC's executive vice president, said the leaders will take "a week or two to get mind and body together" before taking their demands to the Republican and Democratic conventions. The GOP convention opens Aug. 5 in Miami.

The Campaign still has some unfinished business to transact.

A "jail committee," headquartered at St. Monica Episcopal Church, 1340 Massachusetts ave. se., will remain to look after the needs of 22 persons still serving sentences here for offenses stemming from Campaign activities. A total of 584 persons were arrested during the Campaign's nine-week duration.

Complex negotiations are also in prospect with Federal officials over matters relating to the forced evacuation of Resurrection City last month.

Lumber used at the campsite is being stored in Ft. Belvoir and its disposition is in doubt. SCLC officials estimate the material can be sold for at least \$12,000.

Also to be resolved is the question of SCLC's financial responsibility for restoring the camp area. Interior Department officials believe the cost will far exceed the \$5000 bond posted by SCLC when it obtained its permit for Resurrection City.

Bernard R. Meyer, the Department's associate solicitor for parks and recreation, said SCLC has indicated it may file suit against the Government for alleged destruction of private property belonging to the Campaign participants.

Conflict Laid to Hoyer In Licensing Case

By Aaron Latham
Washington Post Staff Writer

Last year's chairman of the Prince George's County's State Senate delegation has accused this year's chairman of conflict of interest in a liquor licensing case.

State Sen. Meyer M. Emanuel says that State Sen. Steny H. Hoyer was guilty of conflict-of-interest when, as an attorney, he argued a client's case before the Prince George's Liquor Board—a board whose Governor-appointed members must be confirmed by the Senate.

"I think it stinks," says Emanuel. "It occurs to me that if you have the power to legislate for a board and to confirm it, you certainly cannot be treated impartially."

Hoyer says that he would not have taken the case if he thought there was any conflict of interest. He says that he cannot think of any area where, as a lawyer, his Senate seat does not have some effect. "Where do you draw the line?" he asked.

Paul G. Hencke, member of the three-man Liquor Board, said yesterday, "It may be that we need to draw up a preventive code," one which would bar government officials from appearing before the board. He said that he was considering reading such a code into the record at the next board hearings.

Harry E. Taylor, Liquor Board chairman, said yesterday that although he was opposed to legislators appearing before the board, he thought that one Democrat's singling out another represented "a personal vendetta."

again to ask that the license held by another restaurant be transferred to Shakey's.

Hencke has written to the Prince George's Bar Association's ethics committee requesting an opinion as to whether it is proper for a State lawmaker to plead a special interest case before a body on which he legislates.

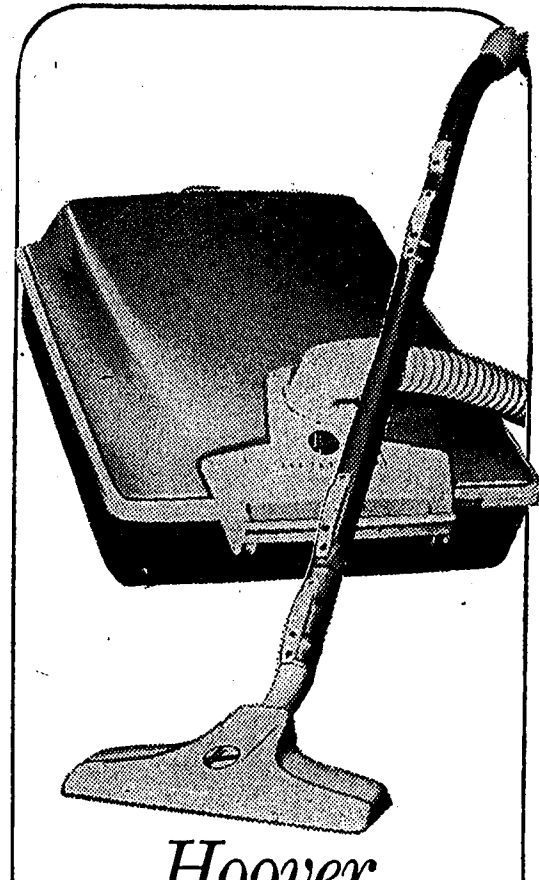
The letter read in part: "Since legislators write the liquor laws, doesn't such representation in and of itself constitute a conflict of interest?"

Hoyer is the first state senator to appear before the present board since it was installed in June, 1967. However, Hencke points out that three delegates—Edward J. Bagley, Raymond J. McDonough and Xavier Aragona—as well as Assistant State's Attorney Vincent J. Femia have appeared before the board.

Gerard F. Holcomb, the third board member, disagreed sharply with Sen. Emanuel yesterday. He said, "The Senate not only confirms the Liquor Board, it also confirms Judges. If Sen. Hoyer stopped practicing before all the people whom he confirms, he couldn't be a lawyer. He might as well take up medicine."

Colorado Project Conferees Named

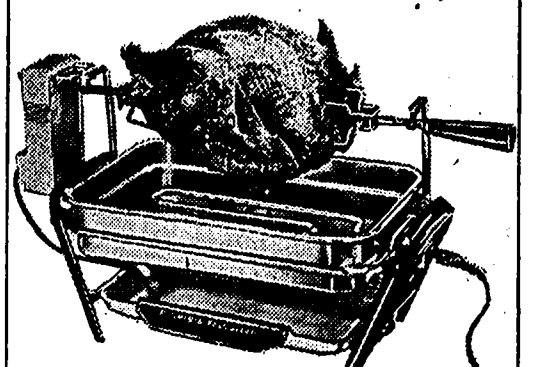
The House yesterday agreed to a conference with the Senate to seek a compromise on Colorado River legislation and a bill to create a National Water Commission. The naming of conferees prepared for the final action on the long-stalled \$779 million central Arizona project and several smaller water projects.



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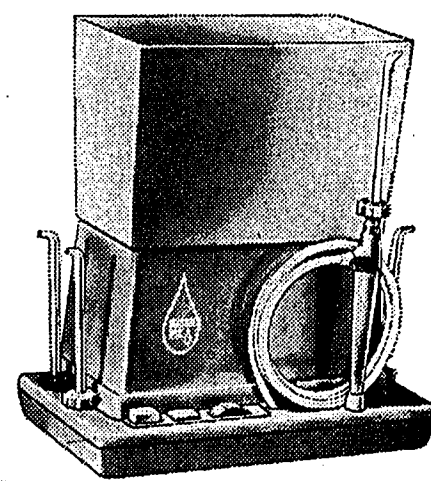
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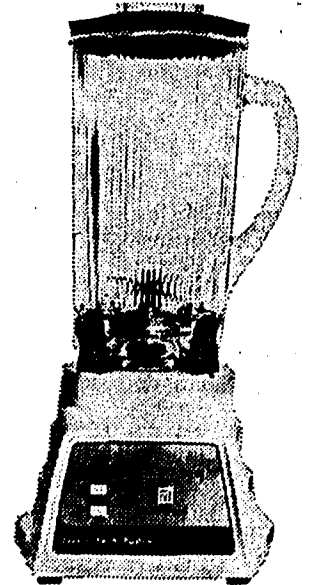
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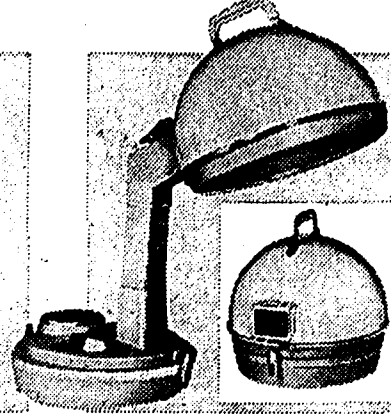
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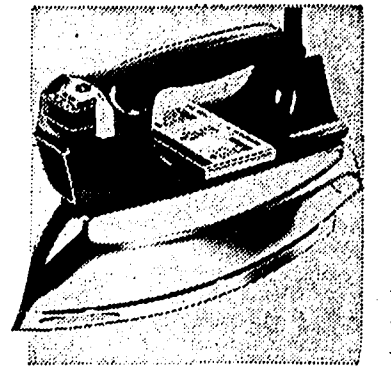
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