

## D.C. Transit Gets Delay In Fare Plea

D.C. Transit got a three-day delay yesterday in its deadline for submitting a detailed defense of a proposed fare increase to the Metropolitan Area Transit Commission.

MATC and six of the seven parties of record in the fare dispute agreed to wait until Thursday for the voluminous report. The original deadline was yesterday afternoon.

MATC had ordered D.C. Transit to make its case public two weeks in advance of the scheduled Nov. 8 hearing on the proposed fare boost from 25 to 30 cents.

D.C. Transit attorneys said a late District Highway and Traffic Department report important to their case and the recent loss of key personnel had prompted the request.

MATC has been urged in a letter from the Federal Employees for Action on Transportation, a group of representatives from Federal agencies, to reject the proposed fare increase.

The letter noted that "the present owners (of D.C. Transit) have developed substantial outside interests such as a local sightseeing enterprise, extensive investments in office buildings and apartment houses . . ."

"We question seriously," the letter said, "whether the profits of the D.C. Transit system should be set at such a level so as to provide the owners of the transit system sufficient capital to expand and engage in activities outside the transportation area."

## Rep. Albert Released By Hospital

Associated Press

House Democratic leader Carl Albert of Oklahoma left Bethesda Naval Hospital yesterday. He underwent treatment for swollen hands and an infected foot.

The trouble is believed to have been caused by a food allergy. He entered the hospital last Wednesday.

Albert said he plans to fly to Oklahoma City today for a Democratic fund-raising dinner tonight and then return here Wednesday to spend a few days clearing up correspondence in his office. Then he plans to again return home and spend much of his time there until Congress reconvenes Jan. 10.

## Fifth Suspect Is Picked Up In Mass Rape

A fifth suspect was arrested yesterday on charges of participating in the mass rape of a 31-year-old Northeast woman Oct. 17.

The suspect is Nelson Jennings, 18, listed at 1156 Oates st. ne. Jennings is charged with being one of "15 or 20" men who raped the woman in a house on Neal Street ne. while holding her captive for more than 12 hours. Jennings was held in lieu of \$5000 bond by Judge DeWitt S. Hyde of the Court of General Sessions.

## 3 Lost Children Found in Forest

BEDFORD, Va., Oct. 25 (AP) Three small children who spent most of a bitterly cold night lost in Virginia's Blue Ridge mountains headed back to the comfort of home today.

The children were Steve Jones, 6, and James Jones, 9, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jones of Greensboro, N.C., and Rhonda K. Spivey, 12, cousin to the boys and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spivey of Bassett, Va.

They became separated from their parents during a hike off the Blue Ridge Parkway yesterday and were found early today in a wooded area off the regular hiking trails.

During the night temperatures dipped into the 20s, and the girl tried unsuccessfully to start a fire by rubbing sticks together. The children had only a nickel pack of candy mints to eat during their vigil.

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### McNamara to Visit Base

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara announced yesterday that he will pay a one-day visit today to the U.S. Strike Command headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla. He will be accompanied by Deputy Defense Secretary Cyrus R. Vance, Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor and Air Force Secretary Harold Brown.

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## 30-Day Jail Term Encores 5-Year One

BALTIMORE, Oct. 25 (AP)—Charles A. Page, 26, who finished a five-year jail sentence Friday, was back in jail today.

Police said Page happened upon a shooting early Sunday. He had been drinking, they said, and attempted to direct traffic at the scene of the incident and to direct police operations.

"He kept giving us orders and even tried to direct the ambulance," a patrolman told Municipal Court Judge Albert H. Blum. The judge fined Page \$50 for drunkenness and sentenced him to 30 days in jail when he could not pay it.

## Legal Aid Society Assists More Than 11,000 Persons in Year

By Susan Filson  
Washington Post Staff Writer

The waiting room at the D.C. Legal Aid Society is always crowded on Monday.

It was near lunch time yesterday, but nine women and a man were still waiting to see an attorney in the Society's main office at 805 G st. nw.

In one corner, an attractive young woman in her late 20s flipped idly through the pages of a popular women's magazine.

"I need child support money from my husband," she said, "and I don't know how to go about getting it. I was here once before, but they couldn't help me because they couldn't find my husband. Now I know where he is, and I'm hoping the law-

yers can do something about it."

On the opposite side of the room, a 40-year-old man stared off into space with a look of tired impatience on his face.

"I can't wait any longer," he complained. "I gotta get to work. My back hurts again today. A car hit me from behind last year. I don't know how to get money for the work days I lost. Been laid up five weeks so far. I'm coming back tomorrow when I got a day off and maybe it won't be so crowded."

The bulk of more than 11,000 cases handled by the Society last year were concerned with domestic relations. However, the Society takes nearly every type of

legitimate case, ranging from disputes between citizens and the government over Social Security payments to personal injury suits.

The services of the Legal Aid Society are available to single persons who make less than \$55 a week and married couples with a combined income of less than \$70 a week plus \$15 for each dependent. A \$1 registration fee is charged those who are able to pay.

Three Washington lawyers filed suit against the Legal Aid Society and the United Planning Organization in September in an attempt to prevent both agencies from offering free legal services to the poor.

They claimed the Society

and UPO had "conspired to restrain trade" and alleged that the standards of indigency are arbitrary and non-competitive.

However, the lawyers were unable to obtain an injunction against the Society and UPO in District Court.

Judge Joseph C. McGarraghy said he thought there was little likelihood that the attorneys will win the anti-trust suit underlying the injunction request.

Allan Fisher, executive director of the Legal Aid Society, says he is "not particularly concerned" about the lawyers' suit.

But he is worried about the possibility that UPO's six Neighborhood Legal Services Projects could "swal-

low up" the Legal Aid Society.

The UPO projects offer legal help to the poor in areas affecting housing, public welfare, consumer credit problems, Juvenile Court cases and felony or misdemeanor cases.

"The Legal Aid Society accepts every type of civil suit or criminal case."

"There is a place for both of us in this city," Fisher says. "The Legal Aid Society is needed because of the restrictive nature of the services offered by UPO."

The Society is now cooperating with the Neighborhood Legal Services Projects without taking Federal funds.

"A harmonious relation-

ship between the UPO offices and our office is very important," Fisher says. "However, we feel it's better for us at this point to steer clear of Federal money."

While Fisher believes the future might "conceivably" bring a merger between the Legal Aid Society and the UPO projects, he points out that the Federal war on poverty is "still very much in an experimental stage."

He believes there is "still a big argument for private initiative and charity."

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