

\$54,000 loan to Mandel, wife still a mystery

A \$54,000 loan to Gov. Marvin Mandel, which originated with the Pallottine Fathers, remains a mystery because the governor refuses to answer any questions about the loan. A total of \$12,000 of the loan was a check for that amount written to his present wife, Jeanne.

In December the Baltimore Sun reported that the loan was used to finance the governor's divorce. The governor refused comment at that time.

On Jan. 9 the Baltimore

Evening Sun traced the loan as being funneled from the Pallottines through a Baltimore County motorcycle dealer to Mandel. That story said that the motorcycle dealer, William May, wrote a check to Gov. Mandel for \$42,000 on Sept. 8, 1974. The story said that the check had been endorsed over to the Governor's son, Gary, who endorsed it and deposited it.

According to the report, May wrote a check for \$12,000 to

Jeanne Mandel on March 14, 1975. The check was endorsed "for deposit only" over the signature "Jeanne Mandel" and was processed by a College Park bank on March 25.

Asked about the checks on Jan. 9, Frank DeFilippo, the governor's chief of staff and press aide, said "There will be no discussion about that."

On Jan. 22, Evening Capital reporter Karen Hostler asked

the governor the following question at a press conference:

"Governor, it has been reported that the \$54,000 loan which you received indirectly from the Pallottines was channeled into bank accounts held by your wife and your son. Can you explain that?"

The governor's reply was, "No."

According to the original story, the Pallottines' provincial superior confirmed

on Dec. 6 that the order loaned \$54,000 to C. Dennis Webster, the order's real estate advisor.

Webster reportedly then loaned the money to Mandel, using May, the motorcycle dealer, as the middleman.

May was a client of Donald Webster, the Pallottines' financial advisor. Donald Webster is C. Dennis Webster's uncle. Donald Webster also was Gov. Mandel's 1974 campaign treasurer.

Governor refuses all comment upon checks allegedly funneled through motorcycle dealer

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Thousands without electricity

Gale winds roar through county



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Trees and limbs snapped power lines early this morning and thousands of county residents awoke without electricity as icy, gale-force winds swept through the area, swirling a pre-dawn snowstorm.

The blasts, which gusted to 55 miles per hour at 4 a.m. today, continued later this morning at 25 to 35 miles per hour.

A spokesman for the Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. said this morning that the Annapolis office had between 300 and 400 phone calls reporting power outages throughout the county.

"You can be sure there are several thousand people out of service," he said. "We're head over heels busy," he added. "We'd hoped to have everything back by noontime," he said, "but it's so wide scattered it may not be until later today."

retreated to their lairs, warm and cozy for six more weeks of winter.

Driven by the winds, the snow lasted until about 5:30 a.m., but accumulations in most areas were less than an inch.

Plummeting temperatures froze roadways, however, and street crews were called out early to salt state, county, and city roads.

Between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. today temperatures dropped from 37 to 10 degrees. Considering the heavy winds, that 10 degree temperature was equivalent to 24 degrees below zero, according to a weatherman.

Battling the cold and wind, which blew salt off the roads, snow crews were still able to make most major roads passable by rush hour this morning.

Several minor accidents were reported by police, however, including three jack-knifed trucks on Route 3 from 6 a.m. to

