



POLICE GRADUATION— Ceremonies were held for thirty new police officers last Friday, Jan. 12, at the new police headquarters. Among those grad-



ates were: Officer Fred Wallace, who received best wishes from Captain D. P. Mello and Miss Shawn Newson, niece. Commissioner Donald D.



Pomerleau and Mayor William Donald Schaefer congratulate Officer William Bunch as he receives his certificate of graduation. Officer Edward Brad-

dy proudly admires his plaque as he stands with his mother Mrs. Willie Mae Collins and friend Miss Claudette Dunnock.

Search For New City Jail Warden Soon Underway

By SCOTT PONEMONE
The City Jail Board on Wednesday took a giant step towards filling the warden's job, vacant since Miriam Schoonfield's controversy-filled resignation two months ago.

By unanimous vote, the Board sent the city Civil Service Commission a new set of specifications for the warden's job and asked it to "seek applicants on a nationwide basis and conduct an open examination."

After the Schoonfield ordeal that involved misconduct charges, the Board carefully listed the job privileges of the warden, as well as stating "the salary be established at a flat rate of \$25,000 per annum."

The next warden will not live in the 2-story stone house beside the jail on Eager St. nor in any other city-owned house, but he will have the use of a city motor vehicle to get to and

from work.

He will be furnished meals at the jail "only in the common dining facilities and only while on duty at the jail."

The Board also resolved, "The warden shall not be entitled to any personal services by either the employees or inmates of the jail."

Mayor Schaefer, who personally inspected the jail's kitchen facilities on Monday, told the AFRO on Wednesday, "I'm very serious about improving the jail."

Saying he has three priorities, the Mayor declared, "My highest priority is I want a warden."

"Number two," he remarked, "I want all vacancies of jail guards filled immediately (adding that he filled the freeze on hiring guards several months

ago).

"And three, I am not at all satisfied with the set up on food. The equipment and methods are seriously antiquated."

At the meeting Board President H. Mebane Turner reported on a closed session held Jan. 10 between the Board and city chief judges and State's Attorney Milton Allen.

The topic was how to reduce the jail's 1,450 inmate population, and Mr. Turner asserted "a concerted effort on everyone's part" resulted in two "constructive" developments.

The first is to spend state Law Enforcement Assistance Authority (LEAA) funds to install data processing equipment so jail officials can keep track of each inmate's movement through the trial process.

The second is to bring to

the jail immediately a branch of the Pre-trial Release Program.

President Turner also created a three-man panel to recommend how the jail's food service can best be improved.

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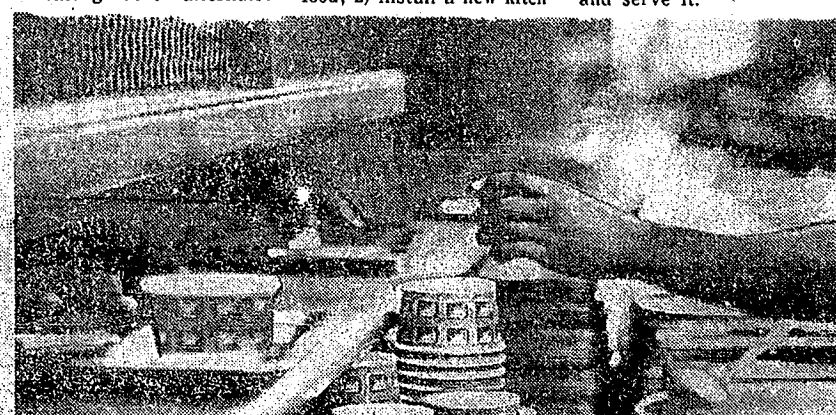
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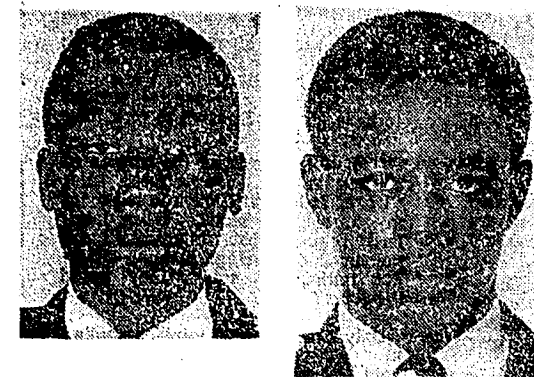
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FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE— Mayor Schaefer was up at the crack of dawn on Monday to view City Jail's kitchen in operation. He talked to Captain James Cotton, chief steward. The panel on the right shows breakfast being served to inmates



(AFRO staff photo by S. Ponemone)



OFFICER CHARLES BABB OFFICER JOHNNY HOLLOWAY

Mystery surrounds 'missing' narcotics

Two STOP Squad officers were suspended without pay Wednesday in the "missing heroin case" and Thursday Police Commissioner Pomerleau announced "normal" transfer from the States Attorney's office of three top Criminal Investigation Division officers.

A special grand jury panel that went into the investigation of the unprecedented case on Thursday is still in session this morning (Friday).

Lt. Stephen B. Tabeling 3rd is now in the office of the Chief of Patrol; Lt. Wallace M. Ritter at Eastern and Lt. Thomas J. Copping at Southeastern.

"Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau has announced the suspensions from duty without pay of two officers assigned to the Tactical Section of the Police Department, Charles Babb and Johnny Holloway."

This prepared statement was released Wednesday night by Dennis S. Hill, police director of public information, and concerns disappearance of about 1,250 bags of previously confiscated heroin.

The statement continued, "Administrative charges will be placed against both of these men for the purpose of bringing them before a departmental trial board."

"Officers Babb and Holloway will be charged for failing to cooperate and truthfully answer questions put to them as part of the Police Department's ongoing investigation involving the 'missing heroin.'"

"The department feels confident that these men possess more knowledge of this case than they have disclosed."

Polygraph examinations administered to both of these officers, reflect a number of deceptions

Randolph elected to head Caucus

By FLETCHER ROBERTS
AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — In private session Wednesday, the 18-member black caucus of the General Assembly elected Del. Loyal Randolph (D., 4th) chairman for the 1973 session.

The former chief of the Board of Supervisors of Elections succeeds Del. Arthur L. King (D., Prince George's), who has headed the group since its coming into being three years ago. It is rumored, here in Annapolis, that King has stepped down to devote more time to furthering political ambitions.

Information leaking from the meeting revealed that, in fact, King had refused the nomination. There had been pre-session speculation that the chairmanship would be a contest between King and city Del. John Douglass (D., 2nd).

When reached for comment, Del. Randolph in outlining objectives, remarked "My chief aim is that we (caucus) work as a unit."

On those matters most directly affecting black persons Randolph said the caucus must be "100 per cent together" though "you can not expect people to be alike on all matters. We have our divisions and we have to face it."

Del. Randolph stated he intends to call a public meeting of the caucus sometime next week to lay to rest any and all questions that have, surely, arisen in their long session.

Others attending the 90-minute-session at the Judiciary Building were: Delegates Troy Brailey (D., 4th), Walter Dean (D., 5th), Dr. Arris Allen, treasurer; (R., Anne Arundel), Joseph Chester (D., 2nd), Frank Conaway (D., 4th), Hildegarde Boswell, secretary (D., 4th), James A. Scott (D., 2nd), Kenneth Webster (D., 5th), and Senators Clarence Mitchell (D., 4th), Clarence Blount (D., 5th), Verda Welcome, vice-chairman (D., 4th), and Robert L. Dalton (D., 2nd).

In another development, the fireworks expected to erupt on the House floor, Thursday, following the Monday night appearance of City Council President Walter Orlinsky with instructions from the mayor, failed to materialize as the House voted to sustain six of seven Mendel votes.

Orlinsky had informed city delegates of a "conditional" compromise



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agreement that had been reached with the state's chief executive on two of seven veto messages held over from the 1972 session.

Of particular importance to the city administration were votes of H.B. 16, which would provide medical care the state's needy and H.B. 1077 calling for increased state funded school construction.

Orlinsky directed city legislators to base decisions on whether or not the Governor made known details of his compromise measures in his annual State of the State message Wednesday.

Following yesterday's vote which saw the Governor supported in his economy drive, one city delegate was heard to say "It was a vote of conviction. I guess we just voted our convictions."

ADDICT CENTER CLOSES Cong. Mitchell shocked, demands quick reopen

Congressman Parren Mitchell expressed shock and distress last Wednesday at the abrupt termination of the two-year contract of the Addict Rehabilitation and Manpower Training Center located at 103 Mount Royal Ave.

In a telegram to the Washington Office of Economic Opportunity, Mr. Mitchell urged the immediate retraction of the termination before any irreparable harm could be done.

The center is a \$1.1 million federal funded program where persons with drug problems are serviced. According to administrators the two-year contract of the center was suddenly terminated without any explanation last Wednesday.

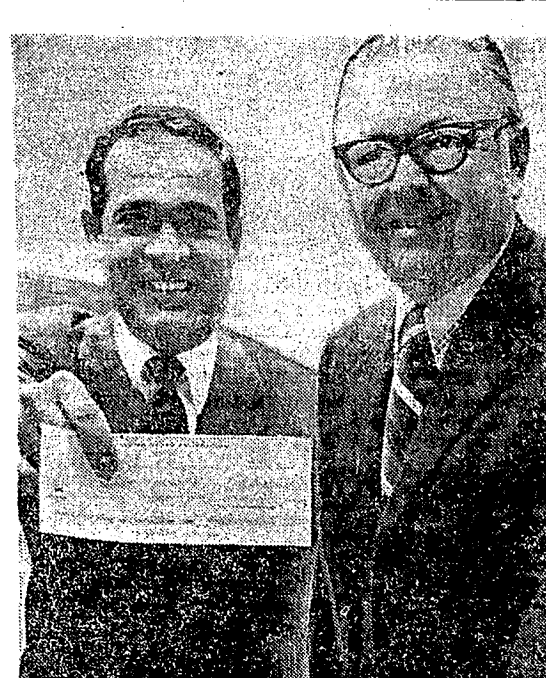
The two year contract was to run from Nov. 1971 to Nov. 1973 with an option for a third year. Within 14 months of its existence more than 500 persons with drug problems have been rehabilitated. Currently more than 200 drug addicts are receiving servicing.

In addition to counseling patients receive job training, job replacement, training in basic education for high school equivalency, individual and family counseling and psychotherapy. It has a staff of 34.

In his telegram Congressman Mitchell stated: "It is of great alarm and distress that I have just learned of the abrupt termination of the above program. I cannot believe it is the intent of the Government to precipitously jump over 200 hard-core addicts or drug users in various stages of rehabilitation back to the street where the shock and disillusionment produced by this action will result in high recidivism. In addition, the action will make later effort for their rehabilitation impossible."

"I know that this program, one of two in this country, has a highly trained staff who are functioning as a team and are meeting the goals of the program. When one considers the urgency of the drug problem and the difficulty of getting the program together, it is almost criminal negligence to dismantle the program before it has completed its task."

"I strongly urge the immediate retraction of this termination before irreparable harm is done to the program in Baltimore City. This action appears to run counter to the administration's commitment to combat crime."



\$700 CHECK—Henry G. Parks, Jr., chairman of the local business drive to assist students attending college of the United Negro College Fund, shows a \$700 check presented by Carl T. Norton, personnel manager of the John Deere Industrial Equipment Company. The area campaign goal is \$85,000.

Gets life for murder, robbery

Jerome (Mouse) Carter, 28, was convicted by a jury of first degree murder and robbery of Solomon Franks, 64, 1600 block Delano C.

Carter, of the 1900 block Fulton Ave. appeared before Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast on Wednesday for disposition. He was sentenced to a life prison term and a concurrent sentence of 20 years.

Testimony produced by Mark Van Bavel, the prosecutor stated Carter along with three of his friends approached Mr. Franks at Gilmer and Laurens Sts. last February. The defendant asked his friends if they were willing to make some money.

Carter shot Mr. Franks in the chest. The victim managed to get to his home where he collapsed. He was taken to Lutheran Hospital and pronounced dead.

Robert P. Howard, 21, of the 3400 block Virgin Ave. has been given immunity. He was one of the co-defendants and identified Carter as the person who shot Mr. Franks. The other defendants are awaiting trial.



INAUGURAL SEAL — Artist Herb Parham works on an inaugural seal in his Washington studio.

GI earns \$1,500 bonus

Alphonzo Page, 19, of Baltimore, is \$1,500 richer today by successfully completing the Army's Advanced Individual Training (A.I.T.) course at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

He is among the first graduates of the Army's new "BONUS OPTION" plan, whereby a man enlists for four years in the Combat Arms — infantry, armor or artillery, — and qualifies for the bonus upon successful completion of his A.I.T.

Introduced on a test basis last summer, the "BONUS OPTION" is being extended until June of next year.

While at Ft. Jackson, Pvt. Page trained with Company A, of the 11th Battalion, 3rd A.I.T. Brigade, under the command of Captain James Bradley. The eight week course lasted from Oct. 16 to Dec. 8.

Page, known as "Luck" to his friends in the Baltimore area, will deposit his bonus until his return from Hawaii, where he plans to be stationed. He is originally from Trenton, New Jersey, where he attended



PRIVATE ALPHONZO PAGE

Trenton High School and lettered in football and baseball.