

**About**

# **Milton B. Allen**

**State's Attorney  
for Baltimore City**

## *His Faith . . .*

"The mood and temper of the public in regard to the treatment of crime and criminals is one of the most unfailing tests of the civilization of any country."

*Winston Churchill,  
British Home Secretary  
House of Commons  
July 20, 1910*

"The quality of a nation's civilization can be largely measured by the methods it uses in the enforcement of its criminal law."

*Justice Walter V. Schaefer,  
Supreme Court of Illinois,  
70 Harvard Law Review, 126  
April, 1956*

"Prompt, equitable and effective administration of justice is the first responsibility of a civilized society."

*Research and Policy Committee  
of the Committee for Economic  
Development, June, 1972*

"The people of this nation must be able to believe that their law enforcement agencies act in a legal and responsible manner. Without that trust, respect for the law will surely disappear, and we risk the return of an age of barbarism."

*Senator Joseph Montoya,  
Senate Watergate Committee  
Time Magazine,  
November 26, 1973*

## *A Biographical Sketch . . .*

### EDUCATION —

Graduate, Coppin State College; LL.B., University of Maryland; J.D., University of Maryland.

### PROFESSIONAL CAREER —

Admitted to practice:

1948—Court of Appeals of Maryland Supreme Bench of Baltimore City

1949—U.S. District Court for State of Maryland

1967—Supreme Court of The United States

1970—U.S. Court of Appeals for The Fourth Circuit

Founder and senior partner, law firm of Brown, Allen & Josey, Baltimore, Maryland. Has carried on a general practice covering all fields of law in Federal and State Courts and at Nisi Prius and Appellate level.

Secured State and Federal Charter for Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Elected State's Attorney for Baltimore City November, 1970.

Deputy State's Attorney November, 1970.

Appointed State's Attorney for Baltimore City January 4, 1971.

### ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP —

NAACP; Enon Baptist Church; Coppin State College Foundation Board; Bar Association of Baltimore; Monumental City Bar Association; American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland; American Bar Association; National Bar Association; Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement; Chairman, Legislative Committee for Maryland State's Attorneys Association; President-Elect, Maryland State's Attorneys Association; Board of Directors, National District Attorneys Association; Board of Directors, Boys Town Homes of Maryland; Board of Directors, N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged

# *His Stewardship . . .*

Three years ago Milton B. Allen emerged as the new State's Attorney for Baltimore after having promised our city that he would pursue three major goals —

- Reduction of the backlog of criminal cases
- Elevation of the prosecutor's office to a position of respect and high professional competence
- Inauguration of new and imaginative programs to make the criminal justice system more responsive to the needs of the total citizenry of Baltimore City

No prosecutor in the history of Baltimore could have listed Milton's accomplishments in three years in office:

## **REDUCTION OF BACKLOG —**

In January 1971, when Milton took office, there were 5,352 indictments numbering approximately 2,600 defendants waiting to be tried. As of June 1, 1974, these figures have been reduced to 3,652 indictments and criminal informations numbering 1,633 defendants — a reduction of 37% of defendants awaiting trial! This means the innocent were absolved sooner, while the guilty had their cases adjudged quickly and fairly.

## **PROFESSIONALIZATION —**

The average salary of the Baltimore prosecutor has increased 14% since Milton took office. In addition, the office has a cadre of 31 seasoned prosecutors (30% of its staff). Most of these prosecutors are in supervisory positions and have tried all types of criminal cases. They are the teachers for future Baltimore prosecutors.

Through the efforts of Milton and his staff, Baltimore is known nationwide to have an aggressive and imaginative office with an irresistible impulse for progress.

## **NEW PROGRAMS —**

**Full-time staffing of District and Juvenile Courts.** These courts were formerly staffed by a few part time prosecutors or not at all. We now furnish full prosecutorial staffing for all district

courts including two traffic courts and the housing court.

**Violent Crimes Liaison Unit.** This unit works around-the-clock with police officers investigating major crimes of violence such as homicides, rapes and robberies. Through this and similar cooperative efforts, the people of Baltimore have seen a consistent reduction in major crime rates for the last four years.

**Narcotics Strike Force.** In fulfilling a campaign promise, Milton convinced the Mayor and Police Commissioner of the need for a specialized unit to coordinate law enforcement efforts in making cases against major figures in narcotics traffic. The institution of BAN-LINE, a telephone service for citizens having information on narcotic dealers on the streets and in the schools is one of the important aspects of this program. This unit has contributed to the removal of all major narcotics traffickers at large four years ago.

**Pre-Trial Diversion of First Offenders.** Baltimore is one of the few prosecutors' offices which has instituted a program to divert first offenders in petty crimes from the criminal justice system. This program, known as FOUND, provides jobs, vocational training, counseling and educational services to enrollees in order to give them the chance to rehabilitate themselves before it is too late.

**Felony Screening.** Within 48 hours after felony arrests, police officers review their cases with prosecutors to determine the sufficiency of evidence and future action. This prevents unwarranted prosecutions and is a principal factor in expediting serious crimes to trial.

**Training and Recruitment.** During Milton's tenure the office has inaugurated programs for law students to work as interns and law clerks. They have not only produced exceptional research papers and contributed to prosecutor training aids, but they have relieved prosecutors of many of their non-legal tasks. In addition, these programs have provided a reservoir of bright new talent for the professional staff.

**Investigators.** Through Milton's efforts, the office has developed the investigative capability which is an essential element of a first class prosecutor's office.

**Major Frauds Unit.** Because white collar crimes and consumer fraud are economically as costly to society as violent crimes, Milton advocates that it is the responsibility of the State's Attorney's Office to be as vigilant in the prosecution of sophisticated white collar criminals and those who defraud the consumer as that office has been in prosecuting those who perpetrate crimes of violence. Consequently, Milton has developed within the State's Attorney's Office a Major Fraud Unit designed to investigate complaints of white collar crimes and frauds and to prosecute white collar criminals.

## *His Mission . . .*

To Milton Allen, the Office of the State's Attorney is the core of the American Justice System. He believes that with the independent, professional prosecutor, equality and justice under the law will prevail and only then can we have a relatively crime-free society.

A true professional demands perfection and Milton Allen will not be satisfied with less for Baltimore. Here, then are his plans for the future:

### **PROSECUTORIAL LEADERSHIP IN THE EDUCATION OF THE CITY'S YOUTH IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

Professionalism must always be complemented by a citizen's full understanding of his responsibilities to the establishment of a crime-free society. In this context, Milton's credo is that the belief by our youth that the criminal justice system can work for them is essential to building good, sound communities. Consequently, Milton has implemented his youth program with the publication "Youth and the Law", which has been distributed to all secondary schools. Additionally, Milton has assigned a prosecutor to every secondary school to work with the young people. These are just the first steps in a larger program to interest youth in the positive aspects of the criminal justice system and community responsibility.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE PREVENTION OF CRIME RATHER THAN OVER-EMPHASIZE THE AFTER-THE-FACT DETECTION OF CRIME.**

Project FOUND (First Offenders Under New Direction) is the first of the crime prevention mechanisms designed to meet this goal. It seeks to give a first offender educational and occupational skills, the lack of which often have contributed to criminal conduct. Milton expects to expand and develop FOUND to encompass more of the young people through broader services.

### **PROSECUTORIAL LEADERSHIP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TASK FORCE DESIGNED TO COMBAT ORGANIZED CRIME, WHITE COLLAR CRIME, CONSUMER FRAUD AND CORRUPTION.**

Milton Allen has created a Narcotics Strike Force and a Major Fraud Unit. These two groups are to be used as a model for a task force whose responsibility would be to investigate and prosecute incidents of organized crime, including narcotics, white collar crime, consumer fraud and corruption. In addition, the Task Force will have the responsibility to educate the public to protect itself against perpetrators of these crimes. To be fully effective, this Task Force must work with the full cooperation of the citizens of Baltimore.

### **TRIAL WITHIN 90 DAYS OF ARREST FOR PERSONS CHARGED WITH SERIOUS FELONIES.**

The incidence of persons remaining in jail 2 or 3 years awaiting trial has been practically eliminated during Milton Allen's term of office. Milton feels that inordinate delay is an injustice to the victims of crime, an extreme burden to the innocent, and a deprivation of the rights of those accused.

Consequently, Milton feels it is a primary duty of the State's Attorney to assure that each defendant has his right to speedy trial honored and Milton Allen has promised to continue to seek to improve the system so that all defendants are tried within three months or less.

## AROUND-THE-CLOCK PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES TO ALL POLICE OFFICERS

Milton Allen has instituted a system whereby prosecutors are available for consultation at police stations 24 hours a day in homicide cases. This service will be expanded to provide 24 hour prosecutorial advice in all crimes. This will expedite the proper framing of charges and thus serve to quickly vindicate the innocent and to expedite prosecution of the guilty, creating an overall saving for the City of Baltimore in terms of human resources, time and money.

## STATEWIDE INTENSIVE TRAINING FOR ALL MARYLAND PROSECUTORS.

As one of the largest State's Attorney's Office in the country, Milton Allen recognizes his responsibility in devising and implementing professional training programs through modern, continuing legal educational techniques. Milton has proposed new and innovative programs for training Maryland prosecutors.

## A SALARY SCALE COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER AREAS OF PRACTICE AND A TENURE SYSTEM FOR PROSECUTORS.

Milton Allen recognizes that the key to any organization is its personnel. In order to be able to continue to attract top attorneys and to encourage lawyers to become professional prosecutors, Milton Allen has advocated salary increases to make prosecutors' salaries competitive with private practice and other public service offices. Moreover, he sees the need for some type of tenure system to give prosecutors the same job stability they would enjoy in comparable areas. In short, Milton will continue to strive to "professionalize" the Office of the State's Attorney.

## *His Promise . . .*

To Milton the State's Attorney's Office is an unfinished symphony. He has orchestrated it every day of his life for the past three years and, like a composer, he knows that it is not ready for presentation as a work of art.

A true professional demands perfection and Milton will not be satisfied with less. Here, then, are his plans for the future:

- ☆ Prosecutorial leadership in education of the City's youth in the criminal justice system.
- ☆ Development of law enforcement programs designed to promote the *prevention* of crime rather than over-emphasizing the after-the fact detection of crime
- ☆ Elimination of organized narcotics traffic through intensive coordinated efforts by all law enforcement agencies
- ☆ Trials within 90 days of arrests of persons charged with felonies
- ☆ Around-the-clock prosecutorial services to all police officers
- ☆ Statewide intensive training for all Maryland prosecutors
- ☆ A salary scale competitive with any prosecutor's office in the country
- ☆ A tenure system with excellent retirement benefits for every member of the staff

## *The Professionals' Opinions*

### OF MR. ALLEN'S TENURE IN OFFICE

"State's Attorney Milton Allen has done an outstanding job of organizing his office . . . the organizational and training structure of this office is one of the best that has been observed by the National Center and is an excellent model for medium and large sized prosecutor's offices throughout the country."

"Every patrolman and police official was highly complimentary of the State's Attorney's operation and was very pleased with Mr. Allen as State's Attorney . . . and described the Police-Prosecutor relations in Baltimore City as excellent . . . and felt that such relations are better now than they have ever been . . ."

"The judges were complimentary of Mr. Allen as an individual and of the Assistant State's Attorneys in his office."

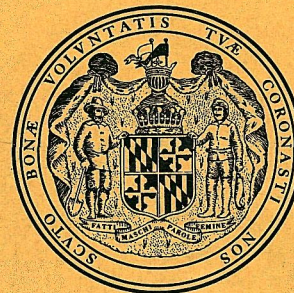
"The State's Attorney's office of Baltimore City has made great strides in recent years both operationally and fiscally, and it is to be highly commended . . ."

"The administrative operations of the State's Attorney's office in Baltimore City is one of the best that has been observed by the National Center."

"Mr. Allen has done an exceptional job in developing new programs, coordinating existing programs with outside agencies, and providing policies and general procedures for office operations and administrations."

"The State's Attorney's Office of Baltimore City is one of the best urban prosecutorial operations in the United States."

FROM: National Center for  
Prosecution Management;  
Washington, D.C., 1974



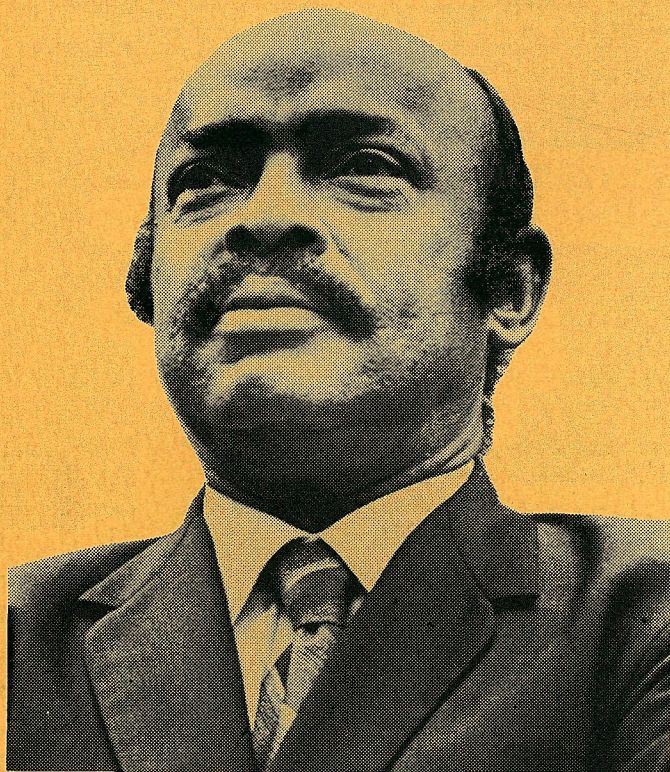
## *His Creed...*

"Consistent with the State's Attorney's primary responsibility to vindicate wrongs perpetrated against the public, he is vested at common law with the responsibility of determining whether or not a criminal accusation should be pressed to trial and is expected to be impartial in abstaining from prosecuting as well as in prosecuting. His quest is justice and his burden is double in that he is bound to protect the innocent and prosecute only those whom he reasonably believes to have committed wrongs."

*Ginsberg v. United States*  
257F.2d 950, 70 A.L.R.  
2d 548

*Macon v. Commonwealth of Va.*  
187 Va. 363, 46 S.E.2d 396

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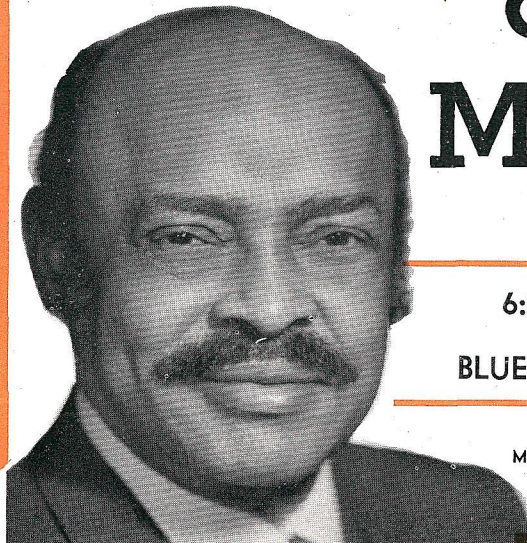
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