Prayer for Today

"Merciful and gracious God, may we accept this new day as a great and glorious gift; a chance and opportunity for heroic endeavor and noble service."

Baltimore Afro-American

Weather

Friday, Rather cloudy and warm. Showers probable. High 83. Saturday, Fair and cooler. High 66. Sunday, Fair and changing.

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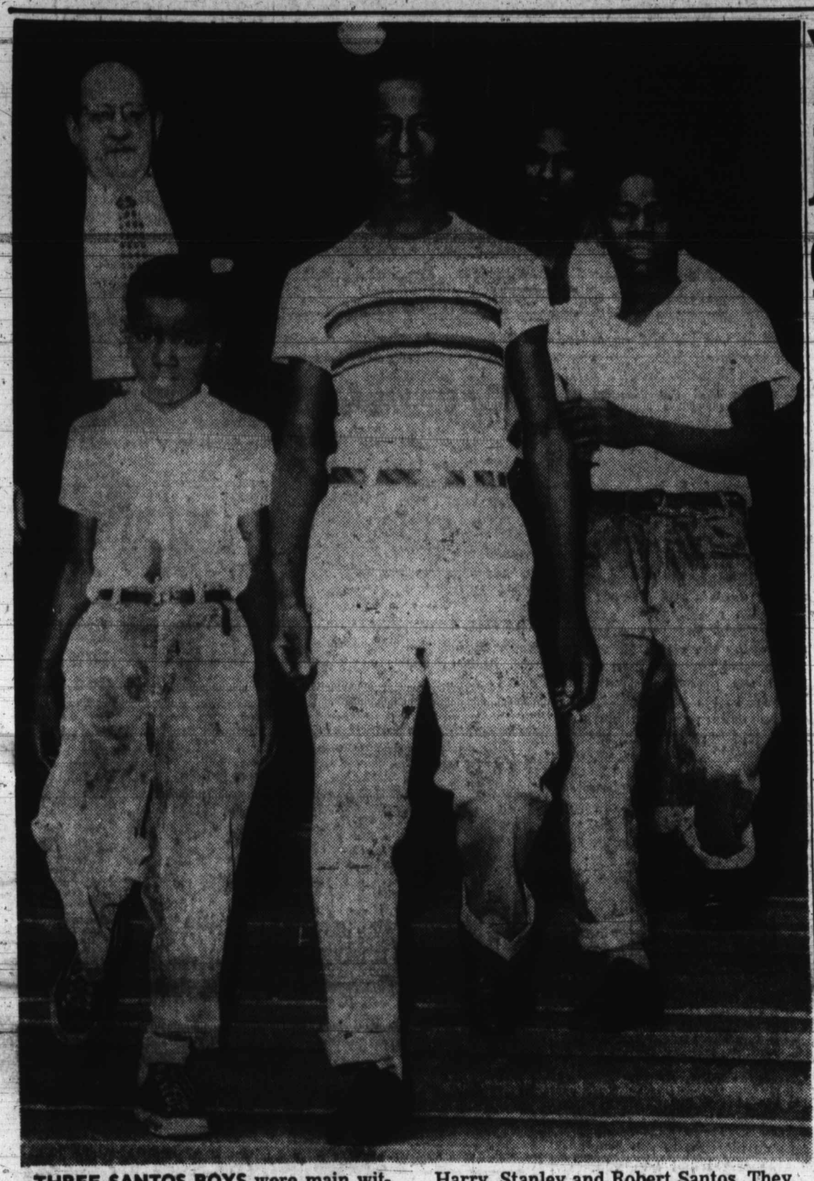
'Tiny Al The Junkman' Gets Life Sentence

'Top' Adams Held



THREE SANTOS BOYS were main witnesses in the junkman's trial for murder of grocer. Shown with Ellis Levin, defense attorney, from left they are Harry, Stanley and Robert Santos. They wore T-shirts and dungarees. Man in rear is their father, Stanley Santos Sr., who also testified.

'Al the junkman' gets life

- Jury says he killed white grocer
- He shows no emotion over verdict

BULLETIN!

After deliberating for a hour and fifteen minutes the jury returned a verdict this morning (Friday) of guilty in the first degree, without capital punishment. The judge then sentenced him to life in prison.

Tiny "Al, The Junkman," who has been fighting for his life for nearly a year, will know his fate today (Friday).

This is the third day that the five-foot man with mixed grey hair has been on trial for murder.

He has worn the same outfit throughout — a soiled, white, short-sleeved shirt with a frayed collar, wrinkled khaki pants, blue socks with a red stripe and two-toned brown shoes.

The state has asked a first-degree conviction against Alfonso A. Hill, 53-year-old junkman charged with the murder of Frank Leimkuhler, white grocer, on Oct. 23, 1954.

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IF FOUND guilty, Hill faces life imprisonment or death by hanging.

His trial began Wednesday in Criminal Court. Testimony was completed Thursday afternoon. Defense and prosecuting attorneys finished their pleas to the

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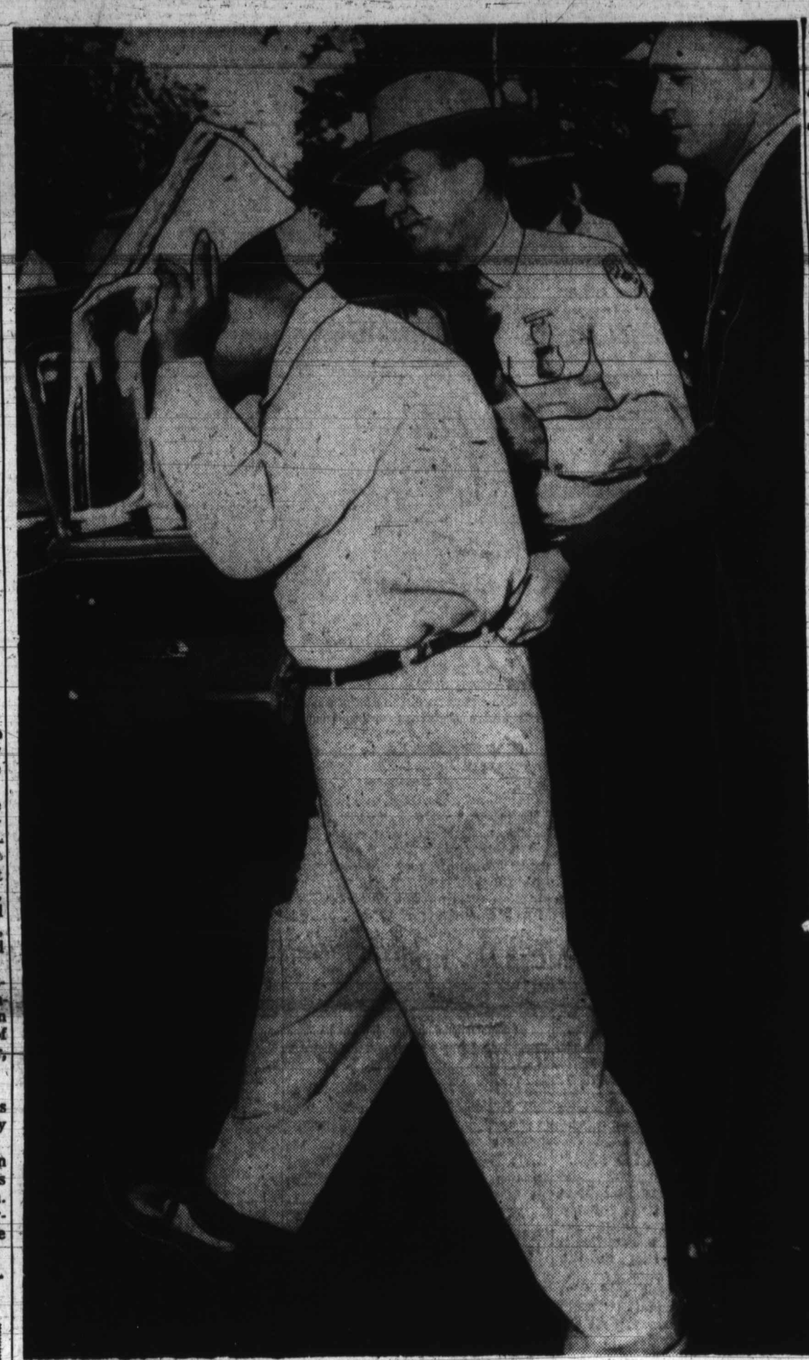

GAMBLING RAID—In Turner station officers escort number's suspect John Irving "Top" Adams and six others to police cars. In this case plainclothesman holds on belt of suspect who conceals his face from the camera.

300 watch Turner Sta. digits raid

- Paneled room yields adding machines, etc.
- Hepbron says he'll get the "Kingpins"

A surprise raid on a private home in Turner Station, Wednesday afternoon, resulted in the arrest of six men reputed to be key number operators in Baltimore County.

The raid was conducted by 15 state and Baltimore City police, at 110 Avon Beach Rd., without the knowledge of the Baltimore County police. It reportedly stemmed from a complaint sent by residents in the area to the governor's office.

Following the raid, the men, well dressed in sports clothes and two-tone shoes, were taken to the Dundalk Police Station, where an AFRO reporter heard the following one-sided telephone conversation between a plainclothes investigator and an unidentified captain.

"Hello, Yes, Captain. Well. I'm sorry Captain, but we were just following orders. Yes, I know Captain, but we had our orders. Yes, the Baltimore City police were with us."

The investigator then turned the phone over to Captain George Davidson, who led the raid. His conversation could not be heard.

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AN INFORMANT said that the protestants in the area sought the aid of the governor after Baltimore County police took no action on the setup.

However, Al Quinn of the governor's office in Annapolis denied this report. "I certainly would have known something about the complaint had it originated here," he told the AFRO.

Captain Davidson said that the State Police had received "many complaints for months from many sources" in connection with the operation.

One of the men nabbed in the raid is John I. Adams, 40, 100 block Main St., popular sportsman and businessman.

Adams, known to many as "Top," is the son of Irving Adams, Turner Station businessman and politician.

Baltimore City's new Police Commissioner James Hepbron, said recently that from now on police were going to stop hauling in the little fellas and start getting the kingpins in the numbers business.

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ADAMS AND his five associates were each charged with illegal lottery and released on $2,500 bond pending a hearing in Baltimore County Circuit Court in Towson.

The others are:

HOWIE (Horace) W. PRYOR, 36, 300 block Pine St., brother of Henry Pryor, victim in the recent honeymoon slaying.

FRANK W. GODSEY, 42, 100 block Walnut Ave., lunchroom operator.

CHARLES (Skippy) ALBERT FOWLKES, 41, 400 block New Pittsburg Ave.

JOHN (Skeet) R. TYLER, 27, 100 block Sollers Point Rd., truck driver.

ALEXANDER (Exzy) FLOURNOY, 36, 100 block Avon Beach Rd., grocery store operator and owner of the raided house.

It took police 70 minutes to get the lottery material together and loaded into the trunks of five police cars which were parked in the driveway next to the house.

The paraphenalia was carted out in four shopping bags, two smaller bags, a huge cardboard box, a leather mail pouch and a

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John R. Hargrove Asst. U.S. Attorney

John R. Hargrove, 3016 Elgin Ave., will be sworn in 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, as Assistant U.S. Attorney.

U.S. Attorney George C. Doub made the announcement.

It's a birthday present for Mr. Hargrove who will be 32 years old Oct. 25.

The full time job pays $6,000 a year.

Mr. Hargrove was recommended for the post by Senator John M. Butler, State Senator Cole, the Monumental City Bar Association and the Fourth District Political Organization, Dr. John R. Woodland, treasurer.

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HE IS A graduate of the University of Maryland Law School and passed the bar examination in 1950.

In college he was president of the freshman class at Morgan and captain of the Howard University swimming team in 1947.

An expert swimmer, he won the municipal diving championship five times.

Born in Atlantic City, N.J., his parents brought him to Baltimore at the age of six months.

He was graduated from St. Pius School in1937 and was an honor student at Douglass High, where he graduated in 1941.

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FOR SIX years he served as assistant boys secretary and assistant physical director at the YMCA.

During the war, Mr. Hargrove was called to the Army; sent to Howard University for a basic course in engineering, assigned as sergeant to the 2709th engineer unit, which took part in the invasion of Saipan in the South Pacific and for 13 months built its roads, water supply and hospitals.

He is associated with the law firm of Hughes, Mason and Foreman with offices at 343 Dolphin St.

A communicant at St. Cecelia Church, he is a member of the Holy Name Society.

JOHN R. HARGROVE

A Statement To The AFRO From
Mayor D'Alesandro
On
National Newspaper Week
October 1-8

As a public official who fully realizes the great part that the press can and does play in the enlightenment of the electorate, and in the preservation of those fundamental liberties and privileges that set the American people apart from most of the other peoples of the world, I desire to commend the press of Baltimore for the great part they play in the dissemination of news, and their many contributions to the educational, social and economic welfare of our municipality.

The week of October 1 through October 8, 1955, will be observed nationally as National Newspaper Week. We do well to pay tribute to the many fine newspapers throughout our nation.

I would like to pay an especial tribute to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers. Their work, locally, has resulted in improving health conditions among the colored population.

The Clean Block Campaign, instigated and sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, has resulted in improvements in sanitation, pride in appearance, and in the awakening of public interest in living conditions.

As a champion of the cause of true Democracy, the AFRO-AMERICAN has consistently held to the doctrine that full, unrestricted citizenship is a fundamental right to be enjoyed by every American.

Its policy has been courageous, and the constructive service it has rendered has made a rich and lasting contribution both to the race and to the nation.

THOMAS D'ALESANDRO JR.
Mayor of Baltimore

If you ask me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

- 2 years later, and Rachel...
- Hopkins Hospital changes for better

Johns Hopkins Hospital—What a difference a day makes! What a difference two years make!

September 17, 1953, this reporter was confined here in Woman's Clinic and watched as doctors, by the marvel of Caesarean section, helped me give birth to Benjamin 3rd who was named for his great-great grandfather.

Mrs. Phillips

September 20, 1955—this reporter was again confined here in Woman's Clinic and watched as Rachel put in her appearance.

This time, however, there were some changes.

Because of a bad cold, I knew ahead of time that only a local anesthetic could be administered as the Caesarean operation progressed.

This time, instead of watching the 61-minute miracle in the operating room's overhead lights, I watched instead the unguarded eyes of the nurses and assisting physicians.

Unguarded eyes, you know, do not lie. They tell the truth.

If you don't believe it, the next time you're in a crisis, watch the eyes of the people immediately concerned. You'll get the

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WORLD SERIES

- Howard says reception top thrill
- Newk admits he didn't have stuff

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Hitting a home run on his first at bat in his first World Series was fine, but it wasn't the best thing to happen to Elston Howard on Wednesday afternoon.

According to the New York Yankee's first colored player, the dugout greeting he received thrilled him more than his hit.

"I felt more like I belonged to the team," explained the 24-year-old outfielder, "than anytime since I reported to spring training in 1954.

"The way those fellows—Hank Bauer, Yogi Berra, Phil Rizzuto, Whitey Ford and the rest—clobbered me, I knew I had it made.

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"OH, THEY'VE been swell all season," Howard went on, "but there was never the kind of enthusiasm they showed me for this.

"When I first started in baseball, I had a strong desire to some day play with the Yankees.

"After that I wanted to make the World Series. Then I got to thinking how nice it would be to get a homer in the series.

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NEW YORK — "I just didn't have it," said Don Newcombe Wednesday night, explaining his belting at the hands of the New York Yankees in the opening World Series game.

Newk was belted for eight hits, three of them homers good for five runs, as the Brooklyn Dodgers were edged, 6-5. He worked only 5 2/3 innings.

"When you don't have it, you don't have it, that's all."

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Unbelievable!

Inside story of the Mississippi Lynch Trial

by James Hicks

In Tuesday's AFRO

Saturday is NAACP day

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro designated Saturday, Oct. 1 as NAACP Day.

October 1 is the day on which the Baltimore branch begins its 23-day campaign for 10,000 new members.

"WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is composed of public-spirited men and women, who devote their time and energies to the betterment of educational and health facilities for all people; and

"WHEREAS, the Baltimore Branch, NAACP, will celebrate its twentieth birthday as an organization by appropriate ceremonies and, in connection therewith, will conduct a membership campaign.

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., Mayor of the City of Baltimore, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 1, 1955 as "NAACP DAY" IN BALTIMORE, and wish the Association success in their campaign."

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IN A telegram from Roy Wilkins, NAACP secretary in New

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BARGAINS

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