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2 Wives In Court

'I Couldn't Believe It,' Says Sister Of Slain Baby Sitter

Hubby held for death of teenager

"I couldn't believe it. I just couldn't.

"I waited at the court house from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

"My husband was supposed to have been there for non-support.

"When he didn't show up, I came home.

"As soon as I entered the house my aunt said, 'Shirley's dead.'

"She showed me the blood on the floor and said, 'That boy

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came in here and killed her with a knife.' "

That was the comment of Mrs. Pearl Best as she discussed the death of her teenage sister, Shirley Blocker, who had been raped and slain with a butcher knife while she was in court awaiting the arrival of her husband.

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AS SHE talked, the attractive teenage mother showed little emotion over the fact that the young baby sitter had died within three feet of where she was sitting.

Neither did Mrs. Best give undue attention to two pedestrians who stopped to gaze at the two-story slate gray house at 2213 W. Hamburg St.

Instead, she talked freely about her sister, a Cherry Hill Junior High School pupil whose partially nude body was found on the stairway of their home a week ago.

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UNDER ARREST in conection with the slaying is Mrs. Best's husband, 18-year-old An-

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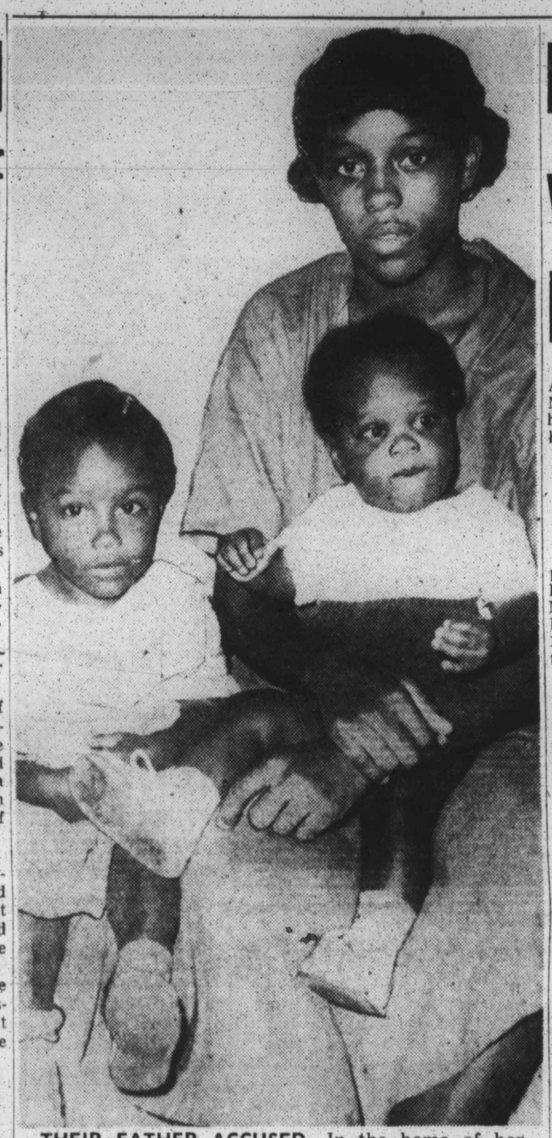

THEIR FATHER ACCUSED—In the home of her dead sister, Miss Shirley Blocker, at 2213 W. Hamburg St., Mrs. Pearl Best plays with her children, Deborah Elaine, 2, and Anderson Lee Best Jr., 11 months. Her husband has been charged with homicide in connection with the death of the 16-year-old baby sitter.

Powell tells why he'll back Ike

WASHINGTON (N N P A) — Adam Clayton Powell (Dem. N.Y.) announced Thursday that he will support President Eisenhower for re-election.

Mr. Powell made his announcement to reporters in the office of James C. Hagerty, White House secretary, after a 30-minute conference with the President.

He said he will organize independent Democrats for Eisenhower with headquarters in New York on a non-segregated basis and will campaign 8 or 10 key cities across the country.

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MR. POWELL said he had not yet made up his mind between Robert S. Wagner, mayor of New York City, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate and his opponent, Jacob K. Javits, New York state attorney general but that he will support all local Democrats who are running for office.

One of the reasons advanced by Mr. Powell for his decision was his inability to see Adlai Stevenson, Democratic presidential nominee.

He said he had requested an appointment with Mr. Stevenson earlier from the ship on which he returned to New York.

He also requested an appointment after he arrived in New York and saw his Democratic leader, Carmine DeSapio, and told him he wanted to see Mr. Stevenson.

Mr. Stevenson came into his district and made two speeches, Mr. Powell said, and "I was not invited."

"But I do feel I should have had at least the courtesy of a reply from him."

Later he said he got into New

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Don, Bums off to Japan

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK — Mutinous threats to bolt the Brooklyn Dodger trip to Japan and let them "stick it," were ended by Don Newcombe, Thursday, when he rejoined the club and his family after a mysterious overnight absence.

The temperamental righthander boarded the chartered Orient-bound plane at Idlewild Airport shortly after noon, thus ending speculation, as to his intentions concerning future relations with the Dodgers.

For some 18 hours after he had stalked out of the Ebbets Field clubhouse following his defeat by the New York Yankees, the entire metropolitan area had been alive with questions pertaining to Newk.

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AND NOT until he joined his teammates with the crack, "Did you think I'd commit suicide?" was there anyone to say that he had put aside his despondency and was making the trip.

All that was known was that Big Don, angered by his failure to quell the Yankee batsmen,

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GUIDE BACKS IKE, NIXON

NORFOLK, Va.—The Journal and Guide, published by P. B. Young Sr. since 1907 and independently Democratic since 1928, when Al Smith was a candidate, announced this week its support for the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket.

ON CONCERT TOUR — Miss Theresa Greene, dramatic soprano, shown as she boarded plane for overseas concert tour. This week, she has appeared in Holland and Sweden. On Oct. 16, she will sing in Berlin; Oct. 21, in Vienna and Oct. 23 in London. She will return to the states on November 1 for a tour of this country. A Baltimore girl, Miss Greene is the youngest of ten children of Mrs. Goldie T. Green, 3240 Gwynns Falls Pkwy., and the late Rev. Joshua Green, for many years pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church.

'Both of you can't be his wife'-judge

"How many wives have you got, son?" the magistrate asked.

"One," the defendant answered, but it turned out he had two.

Magistrate Meredith R. Hoffmaster was routinely reading the charges against David Dean, 39, 1300 block Linden Ave., Wednesday in Northwestern District Court, when suddenly he stopped.

"I never had anything like this before" the startled magistrate loudly exclaimed.

Defendant Dean, neatly at-

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tired in blue trousers and an open neck sport shirt designed with Hawaiian palm trees and a beautiful sunset, was obviously upset.

He faced two charges of failure to support his lawful wives, since 1945, and three children, one by one wife and two by the other.

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THE NONPLUSSED magistrate postponed a decision from the morning session to 4 p.m. to allow both wives to produce the marriage licenses, which they did.

Wife No. 1, Mrs. Loretta Mae Dean, 500 block Aisquith St., said she married the defendant in April 1942 and has one child.

Wife No. 2, Mrs. Josephine B. Dean, unit block S. Pine St., said she married the defendant

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-FLASH- Morgan suspends three fraternities

"We either are going to have order, or we are not going to have any fraternities. . . ."

Dean George C. Grant was talking last night (Thursday) about his suspension of three Morgan State College fraternities.

The groups involved are Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Phi Alpha and Omega Psi Phi.

Dean Grant explained that the three groups "continued to do the same thing they were suspended about before this secret probation business, beating of neophytes, so we just had to suspend them until we talk it over again, that's all. The suspension is indefinite."

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HE SAID he received no report on other campus fraternal groups and sororities, and their activities are not suspended.

During the first semester of last year all fraternities and sororities at Morgan were suspended.

They were reinstated later in the year after all signed to a code which eliminated excessive hazing, secret probation, and no physical punishment whatsoever.

'Have a forgiving heart,' kin of slain baby sitter advised

"The circle has been broken.

"If you are troubled by this tragedy remember, the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.

"Have a forgiving heart.

"Prepare your lives for a reunion in the Hereafter when the circle shall be rejoined."

There was standing room only at Sharp Street Methodist Church in Mt. Winans Monday when the Rev. Albert A. Hammond spoke those words over the light grey casket of Shirley Blocker.

While traffic noises at the busy intersection of Hollins Ferry Rd., and Annapolis Ave., drowned out the songs of a ten-voice junior choir, late arrivals tried in vain to gain entrance to the small church.

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THOSE UNABLE to reach the door, joined one of several groups who stood along the curb and sidewalk.

All wanted to witness the funeral for the 16-year-old baby sitter who was assaulted and stabbed to death at her W. Hamburg St., home last Thursday morning.

Some commented on the fact that the teenager's brother-in-law had been arrested in connection with her death.

Abiding by the request of the bereaved family, funeral services were concluded in 20 minutes.

There were three-minute talks by the Rev. Richard Wallis, and the Rev. Clinton Johnson of Bethany Baptist Church in Mt. Winans.

In his eulogy, the Rev. Mr. Hammond advised the Blocker family to "have a forgiving heart."

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SEATED NEAR the head of the casket was the dead girl's sister, Mrs. Pearl Best, the 17-year-old wife of the accused.

Another sister, Mrs. Rosetta Strand had to be assisted from the church by attendants before

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Dr. Thomas tells divorce issues

WASHINGTON

"My main complaint was regarding her association with Dr. Hilbert Stewart, Charles Wallace, Lewis Giles Jr. and a Mr. Hudson."

Dr. Raymond B. Thomas Jr., a dentist now confined to a wheel chair as a result of an accident in the army, told Judge David A. Pine of District Court about his "main complaint" against his wife, Mrs. Audrey B. Thomas.

The dentist testified Wednesday, contesting a suit for divorce continued from last week before Judge Pine. Mrs. Thomas, 1100 block 21st St., NW and 2705 13th St., NE, filed the suit

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Delegation confers on Coffee Pot

Representatives of civic organizations met with Coffee Pot Restaurant officials this week, urging an end to discrimination at a newly opened branch in a new northwest Baltimore shopping center.

Delegation spokesmen declined to report the results. However, they announced a meeting of 25 organizations next week to confer upon what steps to take next.

'I've brought disgrace to my family and school'

"Sir, I am sorry for the crime I perpetrated.

"I've brought disgrace to my family and my school, and I am sorry for what I have done."

An articulate and penitent former New York University graduate student who pleaded guilty in February to possession of narcotics, made these statements in Criminal Court Thursday morning.

Nolan T. Johnson, 26, a 1952 graduate of Tenn. State University, and a former sociology major at NYU, was arrested early this year when he unwittingly delivered $20,000 worth of heroin into the hands of local authorities.

The man who allegedly sent the drugs to a local police informer by Johnson appeared in U.S. District Court Monday and was sentenced to ten years in Federal prison and fined $4,000.

He is William Douglas, 56-year-old businessman described by police as "Harlem's biggest fence."

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JOHNSON, neatly dressed in a light blue suit, stood quietly when Judge Joseph L. Carter sentenced him to 30 months in the Md. Penitentiary, dating from his arrest on February 4.

"Because of your help in the sucessful prosecution of one of the men pretty close to the top in this business, I am going to give you some consideration," Judge Carter said in imposing sentence.

The jurist indicated that

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'I wish I could have saved him from this'

"I wish I had listened to him so I could have saved him from this."

This statement from the Rev. Mrs. Addie Rogers, 400 block Pine St., cast a new light on the case of Earl Pickett, 19.

The youth is being held under $20,000 bail on four armed robbery charges, including the attempted holdup of a W. North Ave. liquor store.

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AS AN aftermath of the liquor store robbery, rookie Patrolman John Phelan was fatally shot and 17-year-old Alvin Herbert Braxton, himself shot five times, was charged with the shooting.

Two other youths are also being held under bail awaiting the grand jury in connection with the liquor store robbery attempt and a series of robberies in the northwest Baltimore area.

They are:

Albert Henderson Braxton, 19, 1900 block Warwick Ave., $10,000 bail, two charges; and Roger W. Ray, 21, 801 N. Payson St., five charges, $55,000 bail. Pickett faces four charges.

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2 weeks left in NAACP drive

The annual membership drive of the NAACP has reached the halfway point in the march toward 15,000 members.

The drive will end on Oct. 27 with a mass meeting at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church.

Meanwhile, workers are busy signing up members as the branch seeks the largest membership in its history.

Memberships start at $2 a year and move up to $500 for

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Medics of Mercy wage valiant 4-hour fight for victim's life

With the speed, precision and determination of a well-trained military unit, an "army" of more than 22 doctors, interns, residents, nurses, anaesthetists, technicians, aides and orderlies mobilized at Mercy Hospital Monday in a valiant attempt to keep a mangled mass of humanity alive.

Using as weapons the most advanced medical and surgical skill, enough blood for approximately 60 transfusions, a brand-new blood-clotting agent called Fibrin and all the hope and courage that dedicated humans can summon, they fought for the life of 45-year-old Richard Dingle.

Mr. Dingle, who lived at 608 S. Conway St., suffered internal injuries and severe lacerations about the body when a tractor trailer truck in which he was riding made a U-turn.

The truck was loaded with marble slabs, bound for the Commercial Credit building.

As the huge truck swung around, the marble slabs shifted and trapped Mr. Dingle and Alphonso Allen, 36, 707 Cumberland St., who suffered a fractured left leg.

Both men were rushed to Mercy Hospital where the heroic fight to save Mr. Dingle's life was waged.

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WHEN HE WAS carried into the midtown hospital, Mr. Din-

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Builder sues for 'extras' in new Morgan Park homes

A builder of two of the newest homes in Morgan Park filed suit in Superior Court this week to have the homes sold

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to satisfy sums the company alleges are owed for 'extras' and 'changes and additions' to the original plans.

The Ayres Construction Co., directed the suits on Monday against:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Folkes, charging the company is owed $2,556.80 on their $25,000 home at 2409 College Ave., and

2. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cunningham, charging the company is owed $527 on their $14,500 home at 2413 College Ave.

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'WE WILL battle them right down the line, first, because the work has not been done, and second because the charges are not equitable,' Arnold H. Ripperger, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Folkes, fired back, adding, 'Mr. and Mrs. Folkes are highly responsible persons.'

Mr. Folkes is principal of General Vocational School No. 453, and his wife, a retired supervisor in the Department of Recreation, and

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