—'Towel death'

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ately notified Homicide Squad Capt. Richard J. Felber who relayed the information to New York.

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NOTIFIED OF the arrest, Homicide Sgts. Malcolm Pitts and Roy Schawb boarded a plane for New York. Armed with an arrest warrant, the detectives brought the suspected killer back Wednesday afternoon. He waived extradition.

The man also is wanted here for stealing some clothes in-rolve from a one-time roommate at the 12th St. YMCA.

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CAPT. FELBER, who worked over 36 consecutive hours on the case, said New York police reported they recovered Harris' missing wallet and identification papers the suspect attempted to use in passing the $138.62 check.

Several blank checks were found in the bill fold, police said.

Police further stated the subject of a nationwide alert, walked into the store about noon Tuesday and wrote out the check for a wardrobe. He told the store operator he wanted a suit altered and would pick it up along with the other purchases about 5:30 p.m.

Sensing the check was a forgery, the store owner made a long distance call to Mrs. Harris.

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ARRAIGNED, Thursday morning, before U.S. Commissioner James F. Splain, Floyd was ordered held on a charge of first-degree murder. No bail was set. A hearing is scheduled for Aug. 23. An inquest is set for today (Friday).

Inspector Aubrey Tolson said Floyd admits taking part in the robbery, but denies the trio intended to kill Mr. Harris.

Inspector Tolson said Floyd revealed the suspects planned the crime together. He knocked out the victim and with Williams ransacked the office. McDaniel is said to have acted as the lookout, Floyd told the officer.

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THE GUN found on Floyd's person has been identified as the one taken from Mr. Harris's office.

Police said Floyd revealed that $120 was taken from the office. The sum was split three ways, $35 each to Williams and McDaniel and $50 to Floyd.

The suspect told police he needed $240 to pay a repair bill on his new station wagon automobile.

Probationary Det. Joseph Stanczyk described Floyd as a boxer, who trained at the YMCA where he was a resident until asked to move. His trainer was Eddie Wilson, Det. Stanczyk said.

The arrest of the third suspect ended one of the most relentless police manhunts in years.

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EVEN HARDENED homicide officials were angered at the slaying of Mr. Harris, who was a brother-in-law of Dr. Ralph Bunche, and a highly respected member of the community.

The body of Mr. Harris was found by his wife, Mrs. Alice A. Harris, 57, a sister of Dr. Bunche, United Nations undersecretary. The victim's feet had been bound, his mouth gagged and eyes blindfolded during an apparent robbery attempt. No marks of violence were visible, police said. They reported Mr. Harris' billfold was missing.

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THE VICTIM was pronounced dead at 12:30 p.m. by deputy coroner Richard Roseburg. Strangulation was listed as cause of death following an autopsy.

The body was taken to McGuire Funeral Service, 1820 Ninth St., NW. Final arrangements were incomplete at press time.

Police arrested the first two suspects at the T St. address about four hours after the body of Mr. Harris was found on the floor of his office at the Odd Fellws Hall, Ninth and T Sts., NW.

A 17-year-old girl found at the apartment, was placed in custody as a material witness.

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McDANIEL AND Williams were charged with first-degree murder and ordered held without bond pending an Aug. 29 hearing at Municipal Court.

Homicide Capt. Richard J. Felber said the defendants confessed their part in the crime after about 6 hours of questioning. Both of the suspects allege the slaying-robbery was carried out by a 22-year-old man named 'Tony.'

On information supplied by the defendants, police went to the home of 'Tony's girl friend in the 3500 block Tenth St., NW.

The girl, a waitress at a Seventh St. restaurant, told police Tony was at her home about 3:30 p.m.

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"WE FOUND his coat there," said Capt. Felber. "Also we found a key set and a gold pen and pencil set which belonged to the victim."

An immediate police dragnet was spread throughout the entire eastern seaboard.

Meanwhile, police checked all known hangouts of the wanted man.

"He checked out of here on Aug. 4," declared an official at the 12th Street YMCA. "We think he stole some things from a fellow's room so we asked him to leave," he stated.

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POLICE, hounding the trail of the slaying suspect, learned he bought some clothing at a 14th St. store Monday afternoon. Capt. Felber said 'Tony' purchased two pairs of slacks, six handkerchiefs, four pairs of socks and a belt.

"We found some of them in the back of McDaniel's car," reported Capt. Felber. "If he's in the city we'll find him, even if he's left we have a country-wide alert," he declared.

Police said 'Tony' describes himself as a boxer. He was described as being about 6 feet tall, weighing 175 pounds, medium brown skin, and having blue or grey eyes.

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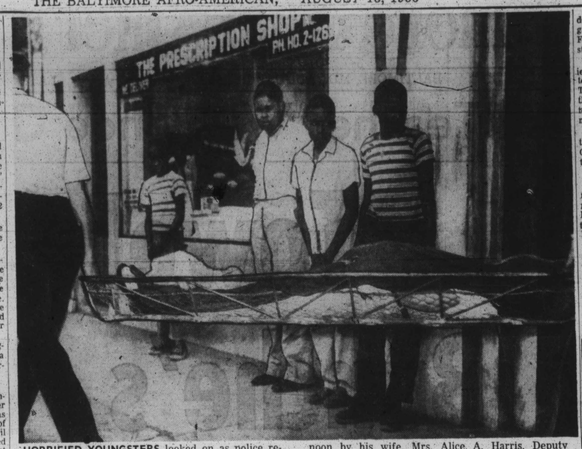
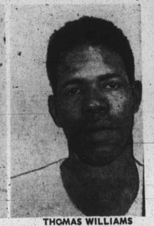
A RENT receipt and a piece of rope figured in the speedy solution to the case, said Capt. Felber. A short while after the victim's body was discovered, noon by his wife, Mrs. Alice A. Harris. Deputy Coroner Richard Rosenberg said the body showed no signs of violence, but Mr. Harris had been dead about two hours when discovered with feet and hands tied.



HORRIFIED YOUNGSTERS looked on as police removed the body of R. Windom Harris, 65, from his real estate office on the second floor of the Odd Fellows Temple, Ninth and T Sts., NW. Mr. Harris was found gagged and blindfolded with a towel Monday

LINDSAY McDANIEL



THOMAS WILLIAMS

homicide officials searched the slain man's office.

A check of a file cabinet disclosed the name of a woman who paid her rent to Mr. Harris the morning of the slaying.

Trying to establish a time element, police went to the woman's home on T St. She wasn't in so 13th precinct Dets. Joseph Stanczk and E. R. Caldwell asked the janitor about her whereabouts.

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OUTSIDE the janitor's basement apartment they found a piece of clothesline similar to the one used in the strangling. Searching the cellar they noticed a piece of toweling thrown on top of some pipes.

With this evidence they decided to take the two men and girl to headquarters for questioning.

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MEANWHILE, police questioned the victim's wife, Mrs. Alice Harris, 214 S St., NW. Although in a near hysterical condition after the tragic slaying, Mrs. Harris composed herself and answered their inquiries.

She told them "Whoever did it probably worked for my husband, why don't you check this person on T St." Police learned she was referring to Williams, who was already in custody.

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POLICE CONFRONTED the defendants with the evidence gathered against them. Capt. Felber said they gave this story:

On Friday, Williams, McDaniel and "Tony" discussed plans to rob the real estate broker. The following day was set for the robbery, but when they went to Mr. Harris's office Saturday morning it was closed.

Foiled in their first attempt, they and the two girls went to Carr's Beach, during the trip the men replotted the robbery.

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MONDAY MORNING the trio met at the T St. address. 'Tony' got a towel and some clothesline from the cellar. They drove to the scene in McDaniel's 1952 Pontiac.

All three walked through the front door of Odd Fellows Hall about 10:30 a.m.

Once upstairs, they went to the men's room. Then 'Tony' bragged he was going to knock Harris out and take his money.

Police said the original plan called for 'Tony' to subdue Mr. Harris, tie him up and place a blindfold over his eyes. Williams was to come and point out where Mr. Harris kept his money.

Police said McDaniel and Williams apparently got panicky and fled, while 'Tony' was in the office.

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president of Morgan State College will appear on the Monday night program.

Invocation will be offered by Past Master S. W. Hardesty. Greetings will be brought by Grand Patron E. Jerry Williams and Grand Matron Naomi Julius.

Isaiah Smith will respond to the greetings. Remarks will be given by Josiah F. Henry, William E. Fletcher, Elmer T. Hawkins, William H. Fauntleroy and W. Emerson Brown. Dr. C. M. Lawrence will give benediction.

Program committeeman Daniels told the AFRO that the election of Grand Lodge officers will probaby take place Monday morning and that 11 Masonic districts in Md. have gone on record as favoring the nomination of Grand Master Willard W. Allen for reelection.

If reelected Grand Master Allen will enter his 34th year as Grand Master.

The condition of District Deputy Grand Master Robert B. Croxton was described as "critical" by officials at Fort Howard, at press time. Grand Master Croxton was scheduled to preside.

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Clerk typist in bar fight

Arrested on a warrant following a dispute with a barmaid at Center and Maine Sts., in Turner Station, Mrs. Fairlean Ernestine Holcome, 27, 200 block Chestnut St., was given a $25 suspended fine Monday in Dundalk Police Court.

A clerk typist for the AFRO, she was charged with assaulting Mrs. Beatrice Reed on July 28.

Magistrate Alton S. Bradstock Sr., ordered Mrs. Holcombe to pay $1.70 court costs.

Mrs. Reed told police that Mrs. Holcombe reached across the bar and tore her clothing, scratched her face and broke her glasses.

Witnesses stated the two women exchanged words after Mrs. Reed began stacking beer

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