Colonial group head denies connection with band incident

"I didn't have anything to do with it," was the reply of Mrs. James H. Ferguson, president of the Maryland Colonial Society, when she was asked on Thursday whether she had known that two colored soldiers were excluded from the Second Army Band's appearance here this week.

The society co - sponsored with the city of Baltimore the celebration of the 223rd anniversary of the state at the Courthouse Monday.

The band director, warrant Officer Warren Schaefer, said that he left the two colored soldiers at the post after a request was made that no colored members appear with the band "because of the feeding of the band."

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ASKED WHO made the request, Mr. Schaefer said he left the colored bandsmen at Ft. Meade at the request of Richard C. O'Connell, retired Army colonel who presided at the anniversary celebration.

Brought face to face with Colonel O'Connell on Monday, Mr. Schaefer repeated that it was the colonel who asked that the colored bandsmen be left at the post.

Colonel O'Connell, however, emphatically denied that he had made any such request or that he had any knowledge that the colored musicians were being excluded.

"Just when and where did I ask lou to do such a thing?" he colonel demanded of the bandmaster.

There was no immediate response from Mr. Schaefer, but after a moment or two, he answered that "someone" had asked him to leave the colored soldiers at Ft. Meade because there would be no eating accommodations for them in Baltimore.

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WHEN Mrs. Ferguson was approached on the question at the close of the ceremony, she was hurried away from the reporter by an unidentified woman who insisted that Mrs. Ferguson "has to go now."

Asked bri phone Thursday whether she knew of the plan, Mrs. Ferguson replied:

"What do you mean calling me. This is not City Hall. Ask the Mayor, or Colonel O'Connell or anybody else you want, but don't ask me. I had nothing to do with it."

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WHEN Mayor D'Alesandro was asked about the incident at the celebration, he denied having any knowledge of such a plan.

"They were not mistreated here (in Baltimore)," the Mayor said. "If they had been here and had been refused eating accommodations, I would have taken them to eat myself."

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WHEN Governor McKeldin was told that the two colored soldiers had been kept away from the celebration because of the "feeding" situation, he replied:

"That is true that there are no eating accommodations as you know."

He said that he did not know what arrangements had been made for the band, but he said that he felt that they were coming up north.

Minutes later, the Governor told the AFRO that the exclusion of colored soldiers had been "a very unfortunate thing and should not have been done."

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REACTED at Fort Meade, headquarters for the Second Army, on Wednesday, Mr. Schaefer denied that he had deliberately left any of the colored members off the band.

He explained that there are two members in the 40-man unit and that one of these was on sick call on Monday while the second man had played so many engagements that he was due for a rest.

Mr. Schaefer, did admit, however, that the question of the colored soldiers had been raised but that he had never consented to leave them off of an engagement.

RED CROSS DIASTER CHIEF FLIES TO HAWAII

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Robert C. Edson, national director of American Red Cross Disaster Services, left here last week by air for Hawaii to help speed Red Cross relief operations for victims of the recent tidal wave.

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15 in 'thrill killing' face trial April 17

By LOUIS LOMAX

CHICAGO—The day of justice for 15 white Chicago teenagers indicted for the hammer slaying of Alvin Palmer, 17, moved closer Tuesday as Judge Elmer Holmgreen set the trials for April 17.

Immediately after Chief Justice Wilbur Crowley assigned the case to Judge Holmgreen, defense attorneys entered pleas of not guilty for all 15 of the youths and asked that arguments on defense motions to suppress the confessions signed by 13 of the boys be delayed until after Easter.

Judge Holmgreen said "I cannot allow the delay. If these are to be jury trials I'll be tied up for the rest of my term in office."

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THERE WAS additional evidence that the trials would involve prolonged legal wrangling as it was disclosed that if the cases are heard by jury, each side would have 200 peremptory challenges to use against prospeceive jurors.

First Assistant State's Attorney Frank Felric said, "The state will not waive anything." This is taken to mean that the state will ask for the death penalty for the 13 indicted for murder. The two indicted as accessories face 14 years' imprisonment.

According to police, Joseph Schwartz has admitted that he beat Palmer with a three-pound ballpeen hammer after he and other members of the "Rebels," a teen age gang, decided to "get a n—r."

INDICTED FOR murder and conspiracy, addition to Schwartz, are Ronald Rybka, 17, of 4644 S. Wolcott Ave.; James Adams, 17, 1731 Wood St.; Lawrence Pavlik, 16, 4859 S. Seeley Ave.; Thomas Frybula, 16, 4344 S. Marshfield Ave.; Frank Nowobielski, 18, 4315 Hermitage Ave.;

Lawrence Adas, 16, 4730 S. Marshfield Ave.; Donald Duchak, 16, 2100 W. 70th St.; Alvin Zurek, 19, 4914 Wood St.; Edward Gorski, 18, 4826 S. Winchester Ave.; Raymond Kozlowski, 17, 4858 S. Marshfield Ave., and Andrew Budy, 13, 4750 Wood St.

Indicted as accessories are Ronald White, 17, 4838 S Damen Ave., and Jerome Bandyk, 18, 5400 S. Hermitage Ave.

Crowley approved release of White on his own recognizance for medical care needed because of the recent removal of a kidney. Bandyk is under $10,000 bond. The 13 murder defendants are held without bail.

Plans for promenade announced

Plans for the 1957 Easter Promenade to be held on Pennsylvania Ave. were made at a recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Avenue Lafayette Market Association.

According to Walter Hendin, promotion chairman of the Association, the Promenade will be conducted in the same manner and on the high level of decorum as in past years.

Prizes for the best dressed couple, family group, man, woman and child will be awarded.

As in the past, contestants for the final prizes will be selected from among the promenaders. Those selected will appear on the platform for the final judging.

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IN KEEPING with the established practice of the Pennsylvania Avenue Lafayette Market Association, cash awards equal to those won by the finalists in the "Best Dressed" judging will be awarded to the churches of the winners.

The promenade is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. The actual program of judging for the best dressed couples will start at 3 p.m. The general chairman of the Easter Promenade is George Jude.

To study methods at post office

Acting Postmaster Laukaitis announced, this week, he had appointed a committee of Postal Supervisors to survey the methods of handling, collecting, distribution, and delivery of mail in the Baltimore Postal Area.

In furtherance of this idea, he recently called a meeting of the supervisors of the Baltimore Post Office.

The Acting Postmaster stated that it was not his intention at these meetings to lecture the supervisors but to confer with them with the primary object of increasing production, resulting in a saving in expenditures.

Mr. Laukaitis stated that it was also his intention to have each supervisor visit his office for personal consulation in order to establish a closer line of communication.

Mr. Laukaitis said he intended to exercise every effort to increase the efficiency of the Baltimore Post Office by obtaining modern mechanical equipment where possible.

He said that he welcomed suggestions which might possibly lead to improvements in the Postal Service, and he was always ready to discuss mailing problems with patrons as only by their cooperation can success hope to be achieved.

Ex-policeman still awaiting sentence

"His case is being investigated by the Probation Department."

That was the word from the State's Attorney's office in Towson Thursday on the case of ex-Turner Station Patrolman James Arthur Johnson, 35, of the 100 block Linden Ct.

Johnson, who was dismissed from the county police force three years ago was convicted last Friday of shooting Kenzie Branch, 41, of the 500 block Main St., over a $600 numbers hit.

The accused man is in the county jail awaiting sentence.

Beauregard attends Washington meeting

PORT-OF-SPAIN (ANP) —C. F. Beauregard, secretary general of the Caribbean Commission, left Trinidad recently for Washington where he attended a meeting of the commission's working committee.

The committee, which consists of four members, each representing one of the four national sections comprising the commission, meets when the Commission itself is not in session to take interim decisions on its behalf.

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35c—2-Ounce Tube U. S. P. BORIC ACID OINTMENT	2 FOR	36c
39c Bottle of 100 Dehydrated MILK OF MAGNESIA TABLETS	2 FOR	40c
60c—3-Oz. Bottle U.S.P. OIL OF WINTERGREEN (Syn. Methyl Salicylate)	2 FOR	61c
50c—3-Oz. U. S. P., Aromatic CASCARA SAGRADA Fld. Ext.	2 FOR	51c
59c—5-Ounce Nichol's ASTRINGENT and DOUCHE POWDER	2 FOR	60c
40c Pint Bottle Revised Formula DOBELL'S SOLUTION	2 FOR	41c
Reg. 30c U. S. P. BORIC ACID POWDER (6 ounce)	2 FOR	31c
60c—8-Ounce Bottle U. S. P. TINCTURE OF GREEN SOAP (shampoo)	2 FOR	61c
46c—4-Ounce Rogers Flavored SODIUM PERBORATE	2 FOR	46c
69c—5-Grain Choc. Coated CASCARA SAGRADA TABLETS Bottle of 100	2 FOR	70c
Reg. 30c 350 cc. Bot. Read's U.S.P. CITRATE of MAGNESIA Effervescing Solution	2 FOR	31c
30c—1-Dr. Applicator Bottle U.S.P. TINCTURE IODINE	2 FOR	31c
60c—8-Ounce Bottle NORWEGIAN U.S.P. COD LIVER OIL	2 FOR	61c
39c—Pint Bottle U. S. P. MILK OF MAGNESIA LIQUID	2 FOR	40c
39c—Adults' or Infants' U.S.P. GLYCERIN SUPPOSITORIES	2 FOR	40c
69c—100 Tds. Read's Waxed NYLON DENTAL FLOSS	2 FOR	70c
Reg. 50c U.S.P. Aromatic 3-Oz. SPIRIT OF AMMONIA	2 FOR	51c

Maryland club women hold meeting

HATS, HATS, and more hats made a garden of the Carver Vocational Technical High School cafeteria, where 425 club women closed a one-day conference of the Maryland League of Women's Clubs at a luncheon. Mrs. William Richardson, of Annapolis, Md., wore this orange straw, flower-laden chappeaux.

MRS. OLIVIA BATES, a delegate from Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, wore this wide-brimmed, violet colored straw, atop of which bloomed a mass of violet and purple colored flowers.

Mrs. Estelle Osborne Luncheon speaker

At this section of the speakers' table are, left to right: Miss Maezell Dickerson, the Rev. Howard L. Cornish, Mrs. Emma Bright, retiring vice president of the League; and Dr. D. O. W. Holmes. Mrs. Odell Payne (lowered inset) was chairman of the program.

Mrs. Vivian Alleyne inset at left, was reelected president of the League. At speakers' table, also were Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., Dr. Saul Perdue and Mrs. Ruth Brown, luncheon chairman.

Among the scores of club groups which attended the Maryland League of Women's Clubs one-day conference were these members of Chi Eta Phi Sorority. Left to right are Mesdames Phyllis Shamwell, Dorothy Mills, Agnes Williams, Lalyan Slater, Ada Veney, Louise Lockerman, Miss Hazel I. Bailey and Mrs. Mildred P. Hughlett.

MISS ANNE EVANS

Members of the Baltimore Club of the National Association of Business and Professional Women occupied this table. Clockwise are Miss M. Margaret Johnson; Mrs. Lillian S. Watty, Mrs. Loretta Watta, Mrs. Juanita Young, Miss Bertha Seay, Mrs. M. Edna Rawlings, Mrs. Fannie S. Holmes, Miss Mattie Gwahtney.

MRS. IRENE DOTSON