Mrs. Watson Guilty In Eastside Illegal Operation Ring

Could get 24 years on 8 counts

"Why were you in the hospital?"

"Because I had an illegal operation."

"Who had performed the operation?"

"Inez Watson."

A 17-year-old high school student in answer to questions by a prosecutor Thursday, thudly, pointingered Mrs. Iona Dread Watson, 37-year-old former nurses aider as the woman who performed an abortion on her on Nov. 11.

Earlier, Judge John T. Tucker found Mrs. Watson guilty of conspiracy and performing an abortion on a 16-year-old mother of two children.

In a surprise move late Thursday, Mrs. Watson changed her pleas to guilty on three other abortion cases and two of conspiracy. The woman, who received a two-year suspended sentence for a similar conviction in 1955, could get up to 24 years for the eight convictions this week.

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JAMES W. MURPHY, assistant State's attorney, told the court the State would drop charges in 10 cases of abortion and conspiracy pending against Mrs. Watson.

A city fireman, William Soicer, 31, 2030 Kennedy Ave., was found guilty of conspiracy in one case involving Mrs. Watson, described as a distant cousin. He could get three years.

Judge Tucker withheld sentencing the pair pending the trial of two other members of what police termed an East Baltimore abortion ring.

The defendants in the pending cases were Dr. James Blake, 55-year-old prominent physician, 1400 N. Caroline St. and Melvin Parrish, 27, 1401 N. Bond St. Both were scheduled to go on trial this week.

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JOSEPH ROSENTHAL, attorney for Dr. Blake, requested and was granted a postponement after telling the court that his client was ill.

"He has been confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital about a month and I understand he is now at home under a doctor's treatment," Mr. Rosenthal said. "I understand he has lost about 40 or 50 pounds."

Dr. Blake is charged in seven cases of abortion and three of conspiracy.

Mr. Parrish said he is a close friend of the Watson family, asked for a jury trial and his cases were postponed in order to complete the cases against Mrs. Watson and the fireman.

Mr. Parrish is accused in three cases of abortion and three of conspiracy.

Mr. Soicer was continued free on bail, but the judge denied bail for Mrs. Watson and remanded her to jail pending a final disposition.

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THE PROSECUTOR told the court that Mrs. Watson performed the illegal operation on the teenage school girl after she was under indictment for a love series of other cases pending in testimony all of which, the criminal operations were performed at the home of Mrs. Watson at 1520 N. Bond St.

The young girl was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital on Nov. 15, four days after the operation, and was released Thursday. Six days later, Mrs. Watson's records show she suffered complications following the abortion.

The girl said a friend made the arrangements for her with Mrs. Watson and she later talked to the woman.

"What conversation did you have with Mrs. Watson?" Mr. Murphy asked the girl.

"She asked me how many months I was and I told her three. The girl said [illegible] asked me if I went to school and I told her yes."

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THE YOUNG prosecuting witness, visibly nervous on the witness stand, then described the illegal operation in a second floor room.

She said after the operation Mrs. Watson gave her some injections and "she told me not to be afraid."

When the prosecutor asked how much money was paid for the criminal operation, the girl said she gave the man who carried her to the house $10 and he paid the rest.

to return to school the next

"He said it was $50," the girl added.

According to the witness, when she asked Mrs. Watson if it would be alright for her day (Monday) the woman told her, "no."

She also said she telephoned the defendant the following day and when her identity was learned the woman hung up.

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WHEN DID you go to the hospital?" the prosecutor wanted to know.

"That Thursday," she replied.

"What caused you to go there?"

"I was sick."

Under cross examination, the girl stated that when she entered the hospital she did not tell hospital authorities about the illegal operation. However, she said two police officers questioned her there.

Another witness, a 26-year-old woman, said she has been married from her husband several years and taken to St. Joseph's Hospital by police who found her ill in bed when they raided Mrs. Watson's home in March.

Smith draws fine, license is suspended

"He got out of the car and said he did not want to get a ticket because he had a bad driving record."

This was part of the testimony that came from Officer Paul Coster in Traffic Court on Tuesday morning during a hearing that resulted in total fines of $45 and a 30 days license suspension for Howthorne Smith Jr., former counselor at Morgan State College.

The words which Officer Coster credited to Mr. Smith were allegedly uttered when the defendant was asked why he had led police on a chase of several blocks before his car came to a halt in a dead end alley.

AT THE conclusion of the brief hearing Magistrate Richard Gilbert fined Mr. Smith $10 for improper speed, $10 for ignoring an automatic signal, and $25 for reckless driving.

When the prosecutor ordered the husky ex-counselor to surrender his license for 30 days Mr. Smith replied that he had left the card in his automobile outside the building.

"You go with him," Magistrate Gilbert told Officer Coster who then accompanied Mr. Smith out of the courtroom to return with him a few minutes later.

After turning over the license to the magistrate, Mr. Smith paid his fine and left for the last time.

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THE HEARING opened with Officer Coster testifying as to the circumstances surrounding the issuance of the tickets.

"On Nov. 14 about 1:30 a.m. Mr. Smith was traveling south on Caroline St. at a high rate of speed. I clocked him between 55 and 62 miles an hour. He turned around and saw me and continued to Broadway and Fayette St. where he went through a red light.

"He narrowly missed three trucks and then he turned at Wolfe St. and then at Fairmount Ave. where he turned into Aisquith St. and then pulled into an alley that came to a dead end," the officer said.

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WHEN MR. Smith was halted by police he reportedly volunteered the information that he had several guns in the rear of the car. However, at Tuesday's hearing there was no mention made of the weapons.

At the time of the alleged traffic violations, Mr. Smith's passengers were listed as the Rev. Leonard C. Anderson, 41, 4328 St. Gwinn's St., Morgan dean of men, and Samuel Phillips, 43, 2004 Bentalou St., an elementary school principal.

The three men were held for investigation by police for eight hours while officers checked the two firearms in the trunk of the car. They were released when ownership of the weapons was established.

Mr. Smith made no mention of these facts as he pleaded guilty to all three charges and confined his defense to the words:

"I saw the light but I didn't see a police car. When they stopped me there were three police cars."

Mr Smith, 30, 6 Lincoln Ave., Catonsville, entered the courtroom by himself and left the same way. He was not represented by counsel.

Throughout the hearing Mr. Smith retained a calm attitude. He was neatly dressed in a brown overcoat, sport jacket and trousers. He wore no hat.

The board of trustees at Morgan recently Mr. Smith's resignation.

VISITOR AT LUNCHEON—Isaac Kalonji, Belgian Congo business and civic leader, was a guest-speaker at the Frontier Luncheon held at the YMCA on Tuesday afternoon. Shown left to right are: Dr. Martin Jenkins, host to the African visitor, Mr. Kalonji; Judge E. E. Lane and A. Jack Thomas.

2 lifers among 46 paroled

George E. Cook and James A. Miller, both serving life terms for murder, were among 46 released from prison last month according to the Department of Parole and Probation.

Cook, a native of Carroll County, was arrested on Nov. 23, 1946, following the shotgun death murder of Sidney L. Thomas.

The victim threatened to hit Cook with a lamp and to cut him during a disagreement in Carroll County. The shotgun held by Cook discharged as he backed away from the victim.

Cook's time had been reduced to 20 years on Feb. 7, 1954, and a recent investigation and recommendation by the parole board prompted Governor McKeldin to grant the parole.

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MILLER, a Kent County man, started his sentence Oct. 28, 1941, following the slaying of a man named Dockery, during a dispute involving Miller's sister.

He served 15 years of the life sentence, and was considered for parole under a statute that provides that a person serving a life sentence may be considered for parole after serving 15 years of the sentence.

Also released on parole was Earl Townsend who was sentenced to a two-year term for the assault to murder two persons, Jacob Walton and his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Townsend.

The East Baltimore man was arrested on Feb. 2, 1956 following his assault of the two with a pocketknife.

Testimony was that Townsend went to a tavern on E. Eager Street where he found Walton crushing. Shortly after his arrival at the tavern, police said Mrs. Townsend appeared and a quarrel ensued.

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ALSO RELEASED on parole were: William Joe Armstrong, bastardy and burglary (two counts), Baltimore City Court, Nov. 1955, three years; Edward C. Bazmore, robbery (three counts), Baltimore City Court, Feb. 1956, not more than three years; Cecil Brown, larceny, Prince Georges County, Feb. 1956, two years and three months;

George E. Brown, two auto violations, Traffic Court, July, 1956, 12 months; Ulysses Byrd, receiving stolen goods and larceny of motor vehicle, Prince Georges County, March, 1955, three years;

Lester W. Carter, operation of car with revoked license and temporary tags, Prince Georges JP, August, 1956, 12 months; Dorsey L. Ebb, larceny, Baltimore City Court, August, 1955, three years;

ALSO ALLOIS S. GARNER, burglary two and three counts, two cases, Baltimore City Court, Feb. 1956, not more than 18 months;

John D. Griffin, larceny, Baltimore City Court, July, 1956, one year; Foster Harris, assault and striking, Baltimore Northwestern, July, 1956, one year; Alfred Hopkins, robbery, Baltimore City Court, May, 1956, one year plus $1,024 (fine and cost);

Irvin Johnson, bigamy (two counts), Baltimore City Court, Feb. 1956, not more than 18 months; Raymond Lee, rape, Baltimore City Court, Dec. 1955, three years; Leroy Mitchell, conspiracy, Baltimore City Court, March, 1954, five years;

Willie M. Morton, lottery, Baltimore City Court, Sept. 1956, not more than one year; Hosea Outland, discharge of firearms, Baltimore County JP, peace, Eastern District, May, 1956, 12 months plus $30 fine and cost; Cleveland Pinkney, unauthorized use of auto, Baltimore City Court, July, 1956, one year;

Jerome Singleton, robbery with deadly weapon, Baltimore City Court, March, 1956, two years; James Sparks, robbery, Baltimore City Court, March, 1956, 18 months; and Perry Young, burglary, Baltimore City Court, Feb. 1956, two years.

Beaten widow home from the hospital

"She is coming along nicely," is the way one of the tenants of Mrs. Mary L. Giles, 72, 1820 Druid Hill Ave., described her condition Thursday. Mrs. Giles was released from Provident Hospital Wednesday.

The kindly widow was sent to Provident Hospital as a result of a brutal beating she received early Sunday morning December 30, by an assailant, who demanded $200 from her.

Mrs. Giles had been found about 4 a.m. that Sunday in her first floor apartment suffering with cuts and bruises of the face and an injured right arm, by one of her roomers, Northwestern District Police are still seeking the man, described by Mrs. Giles as a merchant seaman.

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'He's not acting normal,' suspect's mother says

"Well, it seems to me that my boy has a sick mind. I've been trying to get him into a hospital so he can get study and treatment."

Mrs. Mary J. Green, 3200 block Piedmon Ave., thusly characterized her 16-year-old son, on trial in Youth Court Tuesday along with two other teenagers for lading a disolute course of life.

"What is unusual about him?" James Murphy, assistant State's attorney, asked the mother.

After pausing for a time as if to carefully select her words, Mrs. Green said, "Well, he's not acting normal. He switches when he walks and he puts rouge on his face. He's not able to get along in society."

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THE DEFENDANTS were George J. Green, son of the State's first witness; Ronald W. Johnson, 17, 1400 block W. Franklin St., and Phillip A. Wilson, 18, 1800 block W. Mulberry St., a former sailor.

Chief Judge Emory H. Niles found each of them guilty but withheld final disposition.

The stenotypist read the court that Dr. Manfred Guttmacher, Supreme Bench medical officer, explained to him that "there is nothing he can do for these boys."

The youths were taken into custody by police when the mother of one of the mvent to fficers seeking not t e a and sympathy, but possible psychiatric attention.

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WHEN THE prosecutor asked Mrs. Jones to tell the court about her problem with her son, she said:

"Ronald has an imaginary mind. He's just mix ed up li mind. He's just mixed up. He doesn't act normal and he isn't leading the right kind of life."

Mrs. Jones told the court she wants her son to have treatment in an institution.

"I don't know how my boy got mixed up in this," declared Mrs. Frances Bennett, 1600 block E. Eager St., mother of Wilson.

In a signed statement read in court by Mr. Murphy, Wilson said he was discharged from the Navy after serving less than four months. The prosecutor also attributed this statement to Wilson:

"I'm all wrapped up in this. I mean, I want to change to a girl."

GREEN WAS quoted as telling police:

"When I was 15 I became interested in the wrong kind of sex. I wanted to be a girl."

Green, the only defendant to take the witness stand, said, "Some of the things said by Sgt. Whyte are true. I do switch and I do have the feeling I want to be a girl."

At one point Green asked Sgt. Whyte, "Did you say I said I was a homosexual? I went out soliciting men?"

"I said you told me men solicited you," Sgt. Whyte replied.

The youth then said, "Oh, I'm sorry, I misunderstood you."

FRANCIS MEAGHER, assistant state's attorney, said on Christmas night the pair broke a window of a store in the 100 block E. 21st St. and took the beverages.

According to the prosecutor, a passerby reported the incident to Officer Samuel Alvey, Northern District, who gave chase and apprehended Thomas. Ervin was arrested the following day. Mr. Meagher said. When Judge Warnken questioned the defendants about their work records both said they were unemployed at the time of the theft.

Ervin said in a police statement that they "had been drinking right heavy" and when they passed the liquor store several decides to get some more whiskey."

Cafe operators, 2 minors fined $675 in liquor case

"I think it a large extent that cases of this kind do not belong in the criminal jurisdiction. I think these cases ought to be policed by the Liquor Board."

This opinion was voiced by Judge Ulysses S. Ralph Warnken Wednesday in returning guilty verdicts against five persons, two of whom were accused of violating liquor laws. The jurist imposed fines totaling $675.

The case before the court involved the Fulton Cafe, 1601-03 N. Fulton Ave., which recently underwent extensive remodeling.

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MISS MARTHA E. GORDON, 19, 809 block W. University Pkwy., and Miss Gloria Wilson, 18, unit block N. Bond St., were found guilty under a statute which makes it illegal for a minor to buy and consume alcoholic beverages.

They were fined $25 each and were not required to pay court costs.

The three licensees, charged with sales to minors, were each fined $200 and costs. They were Sol Goldstein, 33, 2000 block Fernhill Ave., Bernard Turk, 34, 3400 block Dennlyn Ave., and his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Turk, 32.

Miss Rachael Jenkins, 22-year-old waitress, 2108 Druid Hill Ave., was fined $25 and was not required to pay costs. Police said she admitted serving the minors.

A pending case against a third minor, Mrs. Bessie Smith, 18, 1500 block E. Biddle St., was postponed when the court was informed that she was still hospitalized after giving birth to a baby.

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JUDGE WARNKEN said he was using this case "as a sounding board" to warn tavern proprietors to use extra precautions in making sales to persons of questionable age.

Officer Charles Rickter, of the Rackets Division, said on Dec. 15 he and three other officers entered the premises on a routine check.

He testified that he observed Miss Gordon at a table drinking beer from a glass. He said Miss Wilson and Mrs. Smith were seated at another table with mixed drinks in front of them.

According to testimony, the arrests were made on the fourth floor of a grand opening celebration.

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"THIS PLACE is not the ordinary dive found in colored neighborhoods," Maurice T. Siegel, attorney for the licensees, argued. "This is a high class place."

Sgt. John Andrews, Northwestern District, testified that the tavern is in his bailiwick and he has made checks there over a five-year period.

"Your honor, I visit this place at least once a month and it's run in an orderly manner. The reason I go in there is to frisk people for deadly weapons."

Mr. Goldstein, who said he was active in Urban League activities, said in the 11 years since he and Mr. Turk went into business they have attempted to use every precaution against selling to minors.

"With our type of investment we would be foolish not to keep a watch," Mr. Goldstein said. "I have meetings of all my help at least three times a month and one of the things we stress is the serving of minors."

He said, ironically, he is chairman of the Urban League public utilance committee and one of the committee's major tasks is that of seeking foolproof methods for tavern operators to detect minors who attempt to purchase liquor.

"We don't even have live entertainment because we don't want anything to attract minors," Mr. Goldstein said.

No change in Dr. Butler's condition

A spokesman at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md., reported that there had been no change in the condition of Dr. W. Berkley Butler.

He had been reported "critically ill" earlier in the week.

He has been a patient at the National Institute since January 4.

Dr. Butler is chief of obstetrics and gynecology in the medical staff at the Provident Hospital. He lives at 2033 Druid Hill Ave.

'Idleness . . . causes people to do strange things'

"Idleness, you know, really does cause people to do strange things."

This candid observation was made by Judge S. Ralph Warnken Wednesday when he found two unemployed men guilty of burglary in the theft of four fifths of whiskey, three of which were dropped and smashed in a flight from an officer.

Sentenced to three years each in the House of Correction were Michael Ervin, 23, 2000 block Robb St., and Harry W. Thomas, 31, 500 block E. 20th St. Both had previous records.

Fairfield savings club treasurer awaits trial

Johnnie Gooden, 6000 block Chesapeake Ave., Fairfield, was arrested in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and returned here on Monday to face charges of absconding with $6,080 in Christmas savings.

He is accused of taking the savings entrusted to him by his co-workers at the General Refractory Co., in the 700 block Chesapeake Ave.

Southern District police were told the funds were discovered missing on or about December 10, 1956, when fellow workers went to withdraw their money for Christmas shopping.

Mr. Gooden waived extradition when he was apprehended in Niagara Falls on January 9.

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HE WAS turned over to the Sheriff's office and his case was sent to the grand jury on a special.

He is now in City Jail awaiting trial.

The warrant for his arrest was taken out December 14, at Southern Police Station by William P. Colston of the 4600 block Thomas Ave.

On Wednesday Mr. Colston declined to comment on his charges. "I have nothing to say about it," he told the AFRO.

However, in asking for the warrant, he told the court that the funds were found to be missing over a period of 12 months.

Police were told that Mr. Gooden was elected to bank funds for fellow workers each month.

Unnamed infant dies; cause yet unknown

"We don't know the reason as yet because they are performing an autopsy."

Mrs. Juanita Gross, 816 Edmondson Avenue, was speaking of the death of her 10-day-old infant son.

Mrs. Gross explained that the infant had not been named. "We didn't have a name in mind," she told the AFRO.

She said that she and her husband, Hershall, have two other children: Henrietta, 13, and Vircell, 11.

The body of the infant is at Baltimore City Hospitals where he died.

Man accused of slaying brother

RICHMOND, Va. — "Why would he kill his own brother?" asked Mrs. Georgia Green when she was told that her son-in-law, James Edward Carroll, was allegedly stabbed fatally by his brother, Melvin Carroll.

The brother bearing the mark of Cain pleaded guilty in police court and the case will be heard by a Hustings Court jury. No motive has been learned for the alleged stabbing.

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DHS Pupil 'Accidentally' Shot By Pal

(Story in Column 1)

Ricky Gets Chair

RICKY DUCKS camera after hearing himself convicted of murder in the first degree in New Brunswick, N.J. courtroom yesterday (Thursday). Ricky, whose real name is Richard Larry Hunt, faces death in the electric chair for shotgun death of his wife, Helen, last June 20. Both he and his wife lived in Baltimore a week before the killing.

Shooting of DHS pupil 'accident'

"His condition is very good." This was the report that came at pressime from Provident Hospital on the condition of Douglass High School pupil George Evans, 16, 800 block Pierce St., who was shot in the abdomen Tuesday afternoon.

Another—Douglass High pupil, John Miller, 16, 1800 block W. North Ave., has been charged with the shooting and has been released in $1,000 bail pending a hearing in Northwestern Police Court on Saturday.

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YOUNG Miller resides at 1811 W. North Ave., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller, and two sisters and a brother, all of whom are Douglass pupils. His father is employed at Sparrows Point.

Mrs. Ella Lyn Miller, the boy's mother, told the AFRO, "It was an accident, and the Evans boys are pals. They are always together. When you see one, you see the other.

"As I understand it, they didn't know it was loaded, and they were looking at it when it went off. My boy went up to the hospital to see him today. They were good friends, even exchanged clothes and everything."

The Millers attend Fulton Baptist Church, where Mrs. Miller sings in the Gospel Choir.

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POLICE reported that the shooting took place on the first floor of the North Ave. address and that the wounded boy was taken to Provident Hospital in a taxicab.

Notified at 2:45 p.m. that the youngster had applied for treatment at Provident, police said they went to the hospital and questioned him.

They reported the youngster told them that he and Miller were on their way home when both stopped at the North Ave. house where Miller went to the second floor and returned with a .38 caliber revolver identified by police as his father's property.

WHILE MILLER was showing the gun to his friend, police said, the weapon was discharged and the slug struck Evans in the stomach and continued on out of his left side.

Two other youngsters who were sitting on the steps hailed the cab that took the wounded boy to the hospital.

Sgt. Lloyd Spicer and two officers went to the North Ave. home after questioning Evans and recovered the slug Miller.

They did, however, locate the gun which they sent to the crime laboratory.

As the officers were scouring the neighborhood for Miller they were informed that the boy had surrendered to detectives.

Miller was subsequently charged with assault and firing a weapon within the city limits.

Miller is an 11th grade pupil at Douglass and Evans is in the tenth grade.

Powell bid killed by GOP-Dixie

WASHINGTON

A coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats on the House Education and Labor Committee voted Wednesday to deprive Rep. Adam Clayton Powell of a subcommittee chairmanship which would be his by virtue of seniority.

By a 19-9 vote, the full committee gave its southern chairman, Rep. Graham A. Barden, (D-N.C.) full authority to pick the heads of its working subcommittees.

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CONGRESSMAN POWELL, in the party's bad graces as a result of supporting President Eisenhower for re-election last November, is the third ranking member of the Education and Labor Committee from the standpoint of seniority.

Under normal House procedure he would be assured of a subcommittee chairmanship. The New York Congressman said that he asked Chairman Barden whether he would be appointed to a chairmanship and was told, "No, because of complications."

An effort to bring the weight of Mr. Powell's seniority into play towards gaining a chairmanship was made by Rep. James Roosevelt, D., Calif., Republican James Roosevelt made a motion before the committee which would have re-

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Jo Ann falls out when jury rules

BULLETIN: Judge Morris today (Friday) sentenced Ricky to die any day following Sunday, March 10."

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.—Richard Larry (Ricky) Hunt, 26, was found guilty of murder in the first degree and will die in the electric chair for the brutal pistol-slaying of his wife, Jo Ann, 24.

The jury returned the verdict without recommending mercy at five minutes after three Thursday afternoon — the 16th day of the trial. The courtroom was crowded.

The 12-member panel, all white, consisted of three women and nine men. It deliberated three hours.

Escorted by 15 guards, plain-clothes and uniformed, the young man sat squarely and did not bat an eye.

He was handcuffed before the court and taken immediately to Trenton, N.J., the state prison.

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MISS JO ANN CAMPBELL, of 531 N. Fulton Ave., Baltimore, whose testimony helped send her lover to the electric

(See Photos and testimony by Jo Ann which helped send Ricky to chair on Page 31)

chair, wept bitterly throughout the morning session and as she heard the jury announce the verdict. Her literally "broke down."

She collapsed in a sobbing heap on the hard, courtroom seat.

Ricky's mother, Mrs. Lillian Benefield of Chattanooga, Tenn. sat alone, cried aloud and put lift her head at the verdict.

Judge Charles Morris cautioned the crowded courtroom against any demonstration.

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IN HIS closing remarks, the state prosecutor Warren Wintermute, in asking for the first-degree sentence, told the jury:

"This — two-faced gun, this wife-killer want to apologize to his father-in-law before the bullet hits him, and all the time he was living down the street with Jo Ann, his paramour.

"How two-faced can a man be?

"He claimed that on June 20 he was in New Brunswick to bring his wife and children back to Baltimore with him.

"Back to what? He had no job, no money, no home, no apartment for them, and all the time he was living with the woman.

"He loaded his wife's body with lead. Three eye-witnesses testified to that.

"His mission accomplished, he left. He returned to Baltimore to the arms of his paramour and told her, 'I shot my wife.'"

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DEFENSE lawyer, Joseph Edgar, had already declared that he requested a verdict of manslaughter, saying that Hunt was provoked by relatives of his wife, Helen.

"He had no mercy for his lovely 24-year-old wife. He killed her willingly. He fired until every shell was out — then he took off," Mr. Wi-

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Ike declares China ban stays until Reds release prisoners

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — As long as Red China holds Americans as prisoners and uses them to force this country to accede to her demands, President Eisenhower said Wednesday, he

(See interview with relatives of man Worthy saw in Red China on page 2

will never relax regulations forbidding Americans to travel behind the Bamboo Curtain.

Asked about reported suggestions, issued by the Treasury Department in accordance with the trading regulations, of a special Act, arose at Mr. Eisenhower's press conference.

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"MANY OF our editors are concerned over two restrictions on information," said a reporter, prefacing his question.

"One is Executive Order 10501 which concerns the news from the government agencies, and the other is the ban on the entry of American correspondents into Communist China.

"Do you have any plans for modifying either one of those regulations soon?" the reporter asked.

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"WELL, I certainly couldn't keep in my head the provisions of all of the regulations this government issues," replied Mr. Eisenhower. "No, I am not going to comment in detail on the first one.

"I will ask Mr. (James C.) Hagerty (White House press secretary) to look up to see whether there is any reason for modifying it.

A chorus of shouts of "Mr. President!" from newspaper reports, seeking recognition interrupted the President.

"I haven't finished," Mr. Eisenhower remarked.

"Sorry, sir," said a reporter.

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"AS FAR AS Communist China is concerned," Mr. Eisenhower continued, "I feel that as long as any people unjustly and improperly holds prisoners of wars and, in effect, uses them as a pressure upon us to make us conform to what they wish, then this is something with which I will have nothing to do.

"Until there is some change in that regard, I wouldn't consider changing policy, myself."

Three newspapermen, all three charged as alleged Communist agents, were released Thursday by Red China.

There are still 10 Americans known to be in Red China held against their wills.

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Sports at a glance

MIDWEEK RESULTS
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Forest Park 70, Carver 67
Carver 37, Forest Park JV 31
Dunbar JV 28, Douglass JV 26
Swimming
Douglass 38½, Forest Park 37.
Dundalk Y 69, Chick Webb 33
WEEKEND EVENTS
FRIDAY
Basketball
Dunbar at Forest Park, 3:45 p.m.
Forest Park JV at Dunbar, 3:45 p.m.
Carver at Douglass, 4 p.m.
Carver JV at Douglass, 3 p.m.
Wrestling
Mervo at Dunbar, 3:45 p.m.
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MEET THE QUEEN — Here's our nomination for Queen of the 1957 Auto Show and its lovely Miss Leatrice Hubbard, shown here as she stepped gracefully out of a Ford hardtop as spectators lucky to see her smile just went "ah." The auto is one of many on display at the Fifth Regiment Armory in connection with the show. A beauty contest was held that was closed for Miss Hubbard. However, she's still our Queen, and a mighty lovely one.

The AFRO goes to the auto show

DEAR BOSS:

That assignment to cover the Auto Show was a humdinger and I sure appreciate it, but only one thing is wrong. Now I'm going to have to ask you for a raise so I can make a down payment on one of those chariots.

You notice that I just said a down payment because I'm not worried about making any notes. With as much horse power as those buggies have by the time the man starts looking for me I can be halfway to Peru.

The show is being held at the Fifth Regiment Armory and the floor is loaded with over 200 cars that look like something out of a pleasant dream, in technicolor yet.

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EACH OF the various manufacturers, such as Ford, has

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Gloria's sister dies of burns

PHILADELPHIA

Funeral services for Rosalind Singleton, 6-year-old sister of spelling champion Gloria Lockerman of Baltimore, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion Church of Christ, Christ, the Rev. H. A. Hildebrand, pastor, officiating.

The body will be on view at the same church from 11 a.m. Saturday until time for the funeral services. The body will be interred in Mt. Lawn Cemetery.

Gloria and members of the her family in Baltimore are expected to attend the services.

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The AFRO feature just for you . . .

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is a brand new feature for AFRO readers. You asked for it. For the past several weeks, this newspaper has been bombarded with letters from readers asking advice on many problems. We were lucky to secure the services of Mrs. Harriet Hicks, a matron of long experience in helping people.

You can trust her to give you that guidance you need on problems affecting love, marriage, family and children.

She answers below several of the more recent letters which have come to the AFRO City Desk. Address your letters to Harriet Hicks, AFRO City Desk, Baltimore 1, Md. She will answer them through this newspaper. All letters will be held in confidence.

HARRIET HICKS

"Dear Mrs. Hicks: I am in a diluer. Frankly, I have reached a point where I can't seem to think my problem through sensibly and reach a decision.

"At least I have been able to hold down a responsible job and do it with a certain amount of credit.

"But I am certainly not holding my own life with any success.

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"ABOUT FIVE years ago I began seeing a man who I know I work, rather often. The

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No more baseball, Jackie now talking NAACP only

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

"Let's talk about the NAACP!"

A jovial Jackie Robinson, sparring with members of a religious committee at Pennsylvania Station Thursday, feigned an unwillingness to discuss sports.

But the tongue in his cheek was the tip off that the controversial former baseball hero is well aware he will never be able to completely divorce himself from the world of athletics.

Robinson had just stepped from a train from New York, into the midst of a group of 20 to 30 well wishers.

He arrived shortly before 1 p.m., to fill an engagement as principal speaker at a freedom rally sponsored by the Baltimore branch of the NAACP.

AMONG THOSE greeting him were civic leaders, members of the press and radio and television personalities.

Chuck Richards, one of the city's more popular disk jockeys, stepped up and asked Jackie if he'd permit one of his station's sports announcers to interview him (Robinson) later.

Another sports announcer from another local outlet had made the same request a moment earlier.

"I don't know why the sports announcers want to interview me," Jackie laughed, his eyes showing the trafed of a grin. "I'm no longer a sports personality.

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"IF THEY want to talk something else, I'm for it. Let's talk NAACP.

"Or Chock Full O' Nuts," a bystander interjected.

"Well, I don't have to talk 'Chock Full O' Nuts' outside of New York," replied Robinson, "But I think NAACP's a good subject."

The little joshing ended, Jackie agreed to talk with the radio men for taped recordings of the home of NAACP President Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, 1320 Eutaw Place.

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TALKING WITH the AFRO a more intimate setting, Mr. Robinson said that his action trade dealings with anybody in China.

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THREE AMERICAN newsmen entered Red China in December. They are William Worthy, special correspondent for the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, and Edmund Stevens and Philip Harrington, both of Look Magazine.

The State Department charged in a circular issued Aug. 7, 1956 that Chinese Communists have "have exploited American citizens and employed them as political hostages for bargaining purposes."

There are still 10 Americans known to be in Red China held against their wills.

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Honor Roll

AFRO readers are being urged to suggest names of persons who deserve special attention for outstanding service to the community during the past year.

The AFRO is looking for 10 persons living in the state of Maryland who have rendered superior service to our own people and their communities.

These names will make up our Honor Roll.

Persons are eligible from all walks of life. Church, fraternal and civic leaders who have made noteworthy contributions in their fields will be considered.

Also volunteer workers for a more intimate setting, parents of extraordinary children, house-

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