'MYSTERY POSTMAN' INVOLVED

Forrester Says 3 Men Followed Key Witness

Before a packed courtroom where the spectators hung on every word, a man went on trial this week with his future hanging in the balance.

Tall, gaunt and gray haired with a bald spot showing in the back of his head, the man was 55-year-old Inspector Clarence O. Forrester.

Accustomed to being on the state's side of the aisle in Criminal Court, Forrester sits now as a defendant — a strange role for a man who rose through the ranks to become one of the top officers in the nation's sixth largest city.

A veteran of 26 years of service, the suspended officer has been charged with malfeasance in office — which in the language of a layman means he allegedly did something in public office that he should not have done.

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THAT SOMETHING, according to the State, was the setting up of an apartment for a convicted prostitute and his close association with her.

The charges themselves have an ironic ring since at the time Forrester is alleged to have associated with the woman, he was head of the Rackets Division, that branch of the Police Department charged with stamping out such vice as prostitution.

FORRESTER admitted from the witness stand that he knew the woman and had actually helped her move from an apartment on Lakeview Ave. to one on Park Heights.

He said he did this when the woman called him and complained that two colored men and a colored postman had been following her.

She also said that the two were on the fire escape outside her apartment at the time, Forrester told the court.

The "mystery postman" and the two men were never identified by Forrester who admitted he went to the Lakeview Apartment and helped the woman move her mattress and some of her clothing to the new apartment.

Explaining why the new apartment had been available, Forrester said it had been rented earlier in order to spy on certain underworld characters and it was coincidental that the woman moved there after she complained about being followed by the colored men.

The trial opened on Monday and for four days the State spun its story of the alleged association between a man sworn to uphold the law and a woman with a past; while Forrester fought back with the contention that he had been using the woman to gain information on the underworld.

The testimony concluded on Thursday afternoon and final arguments are scheduled to be heard today (Friday) by Judge Edwin Harlan, who is hearing the case without a jury.

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REGARDLESS OF the outcome, whether Forrester goes free or not, one thing is certain — the case has drawn more interest than any other of recent note, except perhaps the Gramer murder case.

Trouble for Forrester began in 1957 when the Criminal Justice Commission began an investigation into complaints alleging immoralities being committed by high ranking policemen.

The Commission turned over its finding to Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron, who in turn handed the information to State Police for an investigation.

Forrester and his chief lieutenant, Acting Capt. Hyman Goldstein, were summoned to appear at State Police Headquarters and when they refused, they were suspended from duty.

Forrester and Goldstein and another man, Albert Weinstein, president of a Baltimore cab Company, were indicted.

The two officers were charged with malfeasance and operating a disorderly house, while the businessman was charged only with the disorderly count.

The charges dealt with the convicted prostitute, Miss Phyllis Wright, and a luxury apartment on Park Heights Ave.

Following this, other developments rocked the city.

From the City Jail came rumors that Charlie Burns, a popular tan sportsman and night club owner then serving a term for lottery, had been framed by police.

Mr. Burns was arrested in a raid on an apartment on Auchentorly Terrace.

The State's Attorney admitted that Mr. Burns had been framed and he was released and Forrester and Goldstein were indicted for subornation of perjury.

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MEANWHILE, one member of the scandal ridden rackets squad had killed himself and several others had resigned.

Forrester and Goldstein were brought to trial on the perjury charge in 1958 and Goldstein received a three-year sentence which he is now serving.

Forrester was also convicted but he won a retrial which has not been held.

This current trial deals only with the morals charges and involves only the suspended inspector as the other men are to be tried at later dates.

The dominant theme of the State's case against Forrester has been sex, sex, sex and more sex.

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THE MAJOR witness to testify against him was Miss Wright, a convicted prostitute, who told the court she was 22 years old, and has married since her 1957 intimacies with Forrester, Goldstein and Weinstein.

Her testimony was that she met Forrester after the Rackets Squad raided her Lakeview Ave. apartment, and was questioned extensively by him and Goldstein in the Rackets Division Headquarters.

As a result of that raid, she was tried and convicted of prostitution and given a two-year suspended sentence.

She said in the course of her trial, Forrester and Goldstein offered "to help her," and said they would see she got a suspended sentence — which she did.

Forrester later admitted that he had used his influence to do this because he wanted to see Miss Wright "make good."

For her part, she unblushingly told the jurist in front of a crowded courtroom, that she and Forrester and Goldstein and Weinstein, had been intimate several times, but that the intimacies between her and Forrester were almost a daily occurrence.

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OTHER TESTIMONY in connection with this, was that Forrester had suggested that she move from the Lakeview Ave. apartment into the Park Heights, Garden Acres Apartments.

She said he moved her furniture in and Goldstein signed a lease with her in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller. The rent, $120 a month, groceries and other bills were paid by the three men, she said.

Later testimony from a friend of the Wright woman's, Mrs. Rhonda Bosley, was that Forrester made arrangements with her for Miss Wright to move into her Rexmere Rd. home because Goldstein and Weinstein also had keys to the Park Heights apartment and made too frequent use of it.

The Bosley woman testified she told Phyllis she could not see Forrester at her home because she didn't want her young daughter and her housekeeper to be aware of what was going on.

Previously, however, the Wright woman testified that she and Forrester were together several times for intimacies in the club basement of the Bosley woman's home.

Testimony was that Mrs. Bosley's home was raided by the Racket Squad, she thought, in an attempt to "get" Phyllis.

When Phyllis learned of the raid, she sought out Police officers to hear her side of the story, it was reported.

A score of other witnesses for the State, represented by deputy State's attorney Joseph Koutz, Robert Lazzaro and Harold Reamer, took the stand;

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A DOCTOR, WHO TESTIFIED Forrester called him to make an appointment for him to remove a wart from the Wright woman's upper lip;

Owners of a dress shop who said Forrester had called and asked them to "take care of her," giving them Phyllis's alias, "Terry Miller;

A moving man, who testified he moved Miss Wright's furniture from Lakeview Ave., to Green Acres Apartments, and later to the home of Mrs. Bosley.

Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron, who testified Wednesday morning he severely reprimanded Forrester when he learned the officer had helped get probation for a convicted prostitute.

A highlight of the Thursday hearing occurred when Fred L. Ford, retired, chief inspector of police who at that time in 1956 was second in command to Hepbron, took the witness stand.

Mr. Ford testified he knew the origin of rumors damaging to Forrester and Goldstein because he'd heard a tape recording of a telephone conversation in Mr. Hepbron's office.

He said Mr. Hepbron decided the state police should handle the investigation but he (Ford) felt the department should investigate its own "dirty linen."

However, he said, he was persuaded to go on with his plans to attend a police commissioners convention in Hawaii.

When he returned Oct. 12, he said he was questioned by state police in connection with the morals charge against the two officers.

He emphasized, after questioning by Mr. Koutz that Oct. 12 was the day he retired not "resigned," as the deputy state's attorney had asserted.

In his appearance on the witness stand Thursday, Forrester denied almost everything that the State had tried to prove.

He denied Miss Wright's testimony that he shared the expense of the apartment.

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Mrs. Helen Cutler is buried here

Funeral services were held Monday at Enon Baptist Church with the Rev. A. J. Payne officiating for Mrs. Helen Madison Cutler, 53, 2302 Braddish Ave. who died Oct. 21 at City Hospitals after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Cutler was born May 14, 1906, the daughter of the late Savannah and Newton Madison of Honeypath, S.C., and came to Baltimore in 1947.

She and Fred Cutler, a steel worker, were married in 1947 and celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary this year.

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MRS. CUTLER became a member of the Enon Church in 1947 and was an active member of the Helping Hand Club and the Enonites Circle.

Surviving are her husband, three sisters, Mesdames Perry Jones, Mattie Keaton, Gussie Williams, all of Baltimore; an uncle, Thomas Madison, Honeypath; a step - sister, Mrs. Magnolia Lattimore and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ophelia Satchwell.

Liberia wants to haul South Africa into World Court

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. —Liberia last week took direct action to halt South Africa's refusal to give an accounting of its trusteeship for the South West Africa territory.

The territory, formerly controlled by Germany, was placed under South Africa's administration by the League of Nations in 1920. Since then, South Africa has refused to account to the United Nations on its handling of the region.

Last week, Liberia recommended that the matter be placed in the hands of the International Court of Justice. Miss Angie E. Brooks, assistant secretary of state for Liberia, made the recommendation.

Services held for Rev. Flood

WASHINGTON

Funeral services were Wednesday for the Rev. William A. Flood, founder of the Evangelical Tabernacle at 421 First St., SW.

Rites were at Friendship Baptist Church, First and I Sts., SW. The Rev. Benjamin H. White, pastor, preached the eulogy.

The Rev. Mr. Flood, 83 and blind, died last Wednesday at D.C. General Hospital. A resident of District since 1920, he had established the Southwest religious house after an accident which caused his blindness forced him to give up a Methodist pastorate in his native South Carolina.

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Union drops organization of hospitals

The Building Service Employees International Union, CIO - AFL, announced Wednesday evening, by a circulated leaflet, that it is imediately ceasing its activities, for the present, which have involved Johns Hopkins Hospital employees and workers in other hospitals.

The announcement came through Eugene Maats, representative, and Oliver W. Singleton, director of Region 4 of the Union.

On Thursday, a Johns Hopkins Hospital spokesman told the AFRO that officials there considered the Union - Hopkins dispute "closed" and that there was no comment forthcoming.

THE UNION - HOPKINS dispute began on Sept. 11, when union officials stated that they were asked by a majority of Hopkins workers to represent them.

Hopkins authorities consistently denied that employees asked the union for aid in any problems, and said: "This our decision that the recognition of a collective bargaining agent would be incompatible with the sole purpose of our existence and inimicable to those we serve."

They added: "We believe our employees are loyal to the hospital and the humane purposes which it serves. We expect that they shall be true to the trust reposed in them and shall not by any action cause or threaten peril to the sick and injured who have submitted themselves to our care."

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IN CEASING activities, the union states: "When our union became active, the base rate of pay at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Union Memorial Hospital was $21 per week. It is now $30 per week.

"At that time the work week ranged to 56 hours — six days. The work week is now 40 hours and five days. These benefits resulted from our union activities.

"We refuse to be goaded into strike action in these hospitals merely to establish our union.

"We re-emphasize our claim to represent a majority and our files are open to any impartial third party to establish this fact and our offer to settle the point of representation is still subject to a poll of any impartial agency.

"We are extremely gratified at having been able to be of some service to hospital workers."

Youth found guilty for 'spook's' work

According to the way witnesses told the story, "spooks" caused the death of Walter Mason, 17, on Aug. 8.

However, regardless of the "spooks," Charles Diggs, 18, 700 block W. Mulberry St., was found guilty of manslaughter in Criminal Court Tuesday because his hand held the gun, it was testified.

Sentence was held sub curia pending a probation report since the youth had no record.

One key witness, Franklin Simpkins, 700 block George St., testified his friend, Mason, was shot in the doorway of his (Simpkins' home) when he, Mason and the defendant were investigating "spooks."

Testimony setting the scene of the spooky story was that Simpkins lived with his mother in a second floor apartment of the George St. house, and the third floor was unoccupied— or should have been.

It should have been unoccupied, Simpkins said, because a lady who lived there alone, had died there recently.

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SIMPKINS SAID the day of the shooting, he and Mason had been downtown, were caught in the rain, returned to the second floor George St. apartment, and took off their shoes and socks to dry off.

He said they turned on the radio, then heard a strange noise— from upstairs "like somebody knocked a chair over."

Simpkins said, **"They were so frightened, they ran from the apartment leaving their shoes and had to return for them.**

After that, Simpkins said, they went to his aunt's house to tell what happened, "and she told me it was only my imagination up there," the witness told the court.

SIMPKINS SAID he and Mason searched the third floor apartment with several friends when they returned but found nothing.

When his mother came home from work, the witness said, he told her what happend as she was cooking supper for him and Mason when "something else strange happened—the lights in our apartment blinked off and on," he said.

"I told my mother I wasn't staying in there, and we would eat supper over my aunt's house," Simpkins said.

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ACCORDING TO his testimony, he and Mason met the defendant as the pair were on the way to the aunt's home and asked him to go back to the apartment to investigate the happenings with them.

Simpkins said the defendant and Mason entered the vestibule while he stood outside the door watching them.

This is when the shooting occurred.

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DIGGS TESTIFIED Mason was on his way up the steps in front of him when they heard another strange noise.

He told Judge Byrnes that Mason spun around to make an exit, knocking his (Digg's) arm against a door, which caused the gun to go off.

Diggs said the wounded boy told him he was shot and asked him not to leave him there alone.

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African leaders to speak at Howard U.

The Howard University NAACP Chapter will sponsor a meeting at which the topic, "Crisis in Central Africa" will be discussed. The meeting is scheduled for Andrew Rankin Chapel on the campus Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.

Speakers for the meeting will be Kanyama Chiume of the Nyasaland Legislative Council and Joshua Nkomo, president, Southern Rhodesia African National Council. Miss Jean Anderson is president of the university NAACP chapter.

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TESTIMONIAL ON SUNDAY evening at Morgan State College Refectory honored the Rev. Arthur Jerome Payne, 36 years pastor of Enon Baptist Church, and attracted 489 well-wishers. Dr. Payne is also president of the Council of Churches of Maryland and Delaware, a first. He is also active in numerous civic and church groups. Testimonial was given by a citizens' committee of 130 and the boards and auxiliaries of the church. An engraved watch and golf clubs and flowers came from the sponsoring groups. The AFRO-AMERICAN Co. presented an Atmost perpetual motion clock.

Eisenhower sends greetings to Rev. A. J. Payne testimonial

"Your example of Christian service brings strength to the lives of many. It is a privilege to send congratulations to you and best wishes to all gathered in your honor at Morgan State College Refectory."

This is the greeting President Eisenhower sent to the testimonial committee which honored the Rev. A. J. Payne on Sunday evening.

The President's message was read to the 489 guests by Mrs. Agnes Reaves, member of the committee.

The message also included this statement: "As pastor of the Enon Baptist Church for the past 36 years, as president of the Council of Churches and Christian Education of Md. and Del., and as an inspired citizen active in the civic and charitable affairs of your community, you have won an outstanding reputation."

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THE GREETING from the White House was just one of many letters and telegrams sent to the testimonial committee from admirers and well wishers in all sections of the country.

The testimonial honoring the Rev. Mr. Payne was sponsored by the boards and auxiliaries of Enon church and a citizens' committee of 130 headed by Dr. Nick Aaron Ford.

In attendance were public figures of both races, church leaders of all denominations, relatives and childhood friends. Nine representatives of groups with which Dr. Payne has been affiliated brought greetings.

The key address was by the Rev. Marshall L. Shepard, pastor of Mt. Olivet Tabernacle Baptist Church in Philadelphia where he is also a city councilman.

Dr. Shepard, a childhood friend of the honoree recalled their early days in college (Va. Union) and their first pastorates at Abysinnian Baptist Church in New York.

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AFTER DELIGHTING the audience with intimate stories of their early association, Dr. Shepard said:

"Let me tell you something; that church is honored and that community is honored that has the time and takes the time to honor God's prophet because he is still God's man on the job.

"We have wars and rumors of wars. We have friction between the races, war between capital and labor. We have all kinds of problems connected with juvenile delinquency.

"But I believe deep down in my heart (and if I didn't believe it; I'd stop preaching) that these problems will be solved and only when they listen to the voice of God coming from God's prophets, preaching His word that shall be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway.

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"DR. SHEPPARD added "We thank God for men like Arthur Payne, who have labored for 36 years.

"I don't believe in this thing called retirement, and I don't want you to think of retiring. God's prophets don't retire. There is no retiring in this thing. Just keep on and keep on preaching as long as you can preach.

"When you can't do anything else, do like the brother who was so old he would preach the same sermon all the time; "Little children love one another."

"So some of the teachers said, 'Reverend, don't you know anything else', he said, 'Yes, I know something else to preach and I will when you all do that.'

"So keep on preaching Brother Payne, and Sister Payne, you keep on standing by him to help him as you are the cause of keeping Payne looking so young.

"I feel mighty happy that he has got such a lovely wife who keeps him looking good and young. And such a fine congregation that looks after him because you are God's man. God will honor Enon Baptist Church and it will continue to grow with love."

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IN ACKNOWLEDGING the praise and gifts, Dr. Payne said: among other things:

"In the last years I've felt I wanted to stop . . . to quit, and let younger hands take over . . . but I am not regretful of the things I've tried to do and I am thankful of the many kind things you have said about me."

The honoree acknowledged the help through the years of his wife (Mrs. Odell Payne) of the congregation and fellow ministers and predicted that in the next few years "by working together there are even greater things to come . . . we're right on the hill, looking down."

In conclusion he said humbly, "I never thought anything like this could happen to me. I want to thank you for your kindness to this your humble servant."

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TUESDAY'S EDITION of the AFRO carried a news story which entailed remarks made at the testimonial.

The list of guests at the testimonial follows:

Guests at the testimonial were: Dr. and Mrs. Willard W. Allen, Saul A. Hatten, Mrs. Bernadine Iglhart, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan B. Wathers, James H. Carter, Dr. H. C. Byrd, Atty. Gen'l. C. Ferdinand Sybert, Mrs. Sarah E. Nalle, Mrs. Florine Burl, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Kimbrough, Josiah F. Henry Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Sundown, Mrs. Claudia Butler, William H. Dunham, Miss M. Rosalind Allen, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Russell Jr., Judge Francis A. Valle, The Hon. Joseph Allen, Hon. Joseph L. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Fitzgerald, Samuel Hopkins, George H. Hubbard, Clark Dixon, Mrs. Frederick T. Hicks, Mrs. Gertrude McRae, Mrs. Amanda Lowman, Mr. and Mrs. John Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lyons, Frederick T. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. James Bachariouse, Mrs. Albert T. Dunlap, Charles E. Hearn, Isaiah Smith, William Hayman, Albert T. Dunlap, Hewlett S. Miles, Mrs. Alice Dansbury, Mrs. Marion Creaton, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Gibson.

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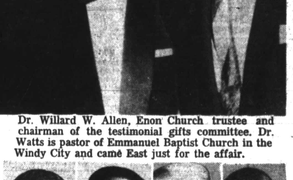
CHICAGO GUEST at the Rev. A. J. Payne testimonial was the Rev. A. A. Watts, second from left. Others in photo, Dr. Marshall L. Shepard, minister and city councilman who is a lifelong friend of the honoree; Dr. Payne, and Dr. Willard W. Allen, Enon Church trustee and chairman of the testimonial gifts committee. Dr. Watts is pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in the Windy City and came East just for the affair.

HONOREE'S WIFE—Mrs. Odell Watkins Payne, wife of the Rev. A. J. Payne, is pictured here with Mrs. J. C. Reaves, chairman of the testimonial reservations committee. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Payne marked their 26th wedding anniversary this month. She is a Baltimore city teacher.



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