Medicare fraud indictments charge 4 Florida physicians

Four physicians and one non-physician have been indicted in Tampa, Fla., by a Federal grand jury for alleged Medicare fraud estimated at more than $200,000.

Those charged with "wilfully and knowingly conspiring to defraud" the Medicare program by making false claims and statements are: Dr. Harry M. Katz, psychiatrist, Dr. Pasquale Louis Galilli, Dr. Alex F. Amadio, Dr. Robert A. Brewer, and Miss Madge Mathis.

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The Florida indictment follows close upon the conviction of a Florence, S.C., physician for filing "false information and fraudulent claims" for payment from Medicare.

Dr. Roy P. Cunningham was sentenced to 8 years in Federal prison by U.S. District Judge Charles E. Simmons on Dec. 22.

He was found guilty on eight counts of submitting false claims for payment of 632 house calls, for a total of $6,460. In passing sentence Judge Simmons said: "It is sad to see a man of Dr. Cunningham's background blow his career to the winds."

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Dr. Cunningham is presently being held for observation for 90 days by the Federal Bureau of Prisons. After his examination he will be returned to Judge Simmons' court for final sentencing.

The conviction and sentencing of Dr. Cunningham was the second in the nation for fraud under the Medicare program. Some 2,500 cases have been investigated by the Social Security Administration during Medicare's 3 and a half year history.

Social Security Commissioner Robert M. Ball said that, "We are trying in every way to assure tight administration of the Medicare program. Built-in safeguards provide early detection of attempts at abuse and fraud," he said.

"Medicare," the Commissioner noted, "pays about 90 million doctors' bills and 12 million bills from institutional providers of services each year. It is clear from our investigations," he added, "that the number of attempts at fraud or abuse is relatively very small."

About half of the cases investigated by the Social Security Administration, he said, resulted from clerical errors, misunderstandings or honest mistakes by physicians and health services.

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To date, the Social Security Administration has referred the cases of 13 individuals and organizations to the Justice Department with the recommendation for criminal prosecution for fraud.

Another five cases have been referred with recommendations that civil proceedings be started for the return of illegally collected funds.

Social security investigators are presently preparing 35 other possible fraud cases for referral to the Justice Department.

The most common types of alleged violations reported include physicians and providers billing for services not rendered, excessive charges, alteration of bills, duplicate billing, misrepresentation of types of services or dates of services, unreported discounts (kickbacks) and employee embezzlement.

CAIN'S WAY—Opening January 28 at the Town Theatre is John Carradine's latest western which he calls a violent picture. Cain's Way co-stars Scott Brady.

Serious fire set by kids playing with matches

Two small children were injured in a house fire at 48 S. Kossuth St. Wednesday, shortly after 11 p.m.

Reports show Jerome Barr is confined to St. Agnes Hospital in critical condition and Dan Boyd is not so seriously hurt, is in satisfactory condition.

Both are foster children residing at the Kossuth St. residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Barnes.

According to police reports, the two youngsters were playing with matches in the basement of the house when the fire leaped beyond control. The blaze destroyed the basement and a bedroom.

States Attorney okays plan to try city cases in county

Baltimore City States Attorney, Charles E. Moylan Jr. has accepted the suggestion of Baltimore County Circuit Judge W. Albert Menchine to set up a program by which the County would handle some 500 to 1,000 bail cases now backlogged in the city.

When contacted by the AFRO, Judge Menchine said, "I was the first to introduce the idea but since then it has become the product of a conglomerate of judges."

Describing how the program would work Judge Menchine said that to help reduce the some 7,000 cases now outstanding in Baltimore, the County will transfer five judges from the Civil Section to the Circuit Court.

The County will take the responsibility for most of the courtroom machinery. Judge Menchine said, "We'll supply the bailiff, the clerk, stenographer and to some extent the Sheriff's office will cooperate."

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Judge Menchine said that the five judges will be John E. Raine, John Grayson Turnbull, Kenneth C. Proctor, John W. Maguire and himself.

"We have a starting target date of March 2, the first working day in March," he said.

Whether or not the new set-up will go into operation on time will depend on "how quickly we, the City of Baltimore, can get the $24,000 to $28,000 needed to put on additional prosecutors for these cases," said, George J. Helinski, Assistant States Attorney for Baltimore.

"We have to send people out to supervise procedures and we have to prosecute the cases."

According to Mr. Helinski, the Mayor has already promised support for the program, he said, "the Mayor has assured us that every effort will be made to have the money available on time."

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When the program begins the County will maintain its current criminal cases and at the same time schedule and hear outstanding city cases in which the defendants are free on bail.

"This," Mr. Helinski said, "will make it easier for the City judges to handle the jail cases which have been pending in Baltimore for such a long time."

While the County is handling bail cases the nearly 1,000 in jail cases at the City Jail will get priority in the City.

"It's the best way," Judge Menchine, declared, "the recent newspaper articles and the TV coverage given to this problem points up the necessity for us who are in responsible positions and can do something about it to get started".

William Winfree Hughes was Pimlico head waiter

Funeral services for William Winfree Hughes were held Monday at Union Baptist Church.

Mr. Hughes, 93, died Thursday at the Jukeland Nursing Home after a long illness.

He formerly lived at 826 Harlem Ave.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., he was married to the late Miss Anne E. Harris, a teacher in the Baltimore City Schools before her retirement.

Mr. Hughes was a retired realtor and former head waiter at the Pimlico Race Track.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Tyson of New York and the sons Henry Hughes of Lynchburg and Eugene Hughes of Baltimore.

Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

After he drank her blood he said, 'I love you'

An unusual case awaited many spectators in Criminal Court Wednesday involved an 18-year old man charged with assault with intent to maim when records show, cut his victim with glass and then tasted her blood.

The case against Ronald Graham, 2700 block Reisterstown Rd., was postponed due to the illness of the presiding jurist, Judge Basil Thomas. Milton Allen is defense attorney

Graham is also charged with criminal assault and robbery. His occupation is listed as handyman for the Mondawmin Corporation.

The victim, a 21-year old woman engineer of a research engineering firm, told police on Aug. 10 many horrible incidents were heaped upon her over a 5-hour period from about 1 a.m. to 5:10 a.m. in her 3rd floor apartment in the unit block W. Biddle St.

She revealed she had just moved in that day and was asleep on a couch since her bed was piled with clothing and books.

She told police she was awakened by a man standing over her and after he threw all the items off the bed, she was thrown down on it.

Subjected to many unnatural sex acts, she said her screams of pain delighted her attacker.

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The young woman said the blood-drinking incident came after her attacker broke a mirror over her head.

She told police after he placed his face in the wound he stated, "Now I have your blood. Isn't this nice?"

She also quoted the man as saying he liked "bad" women women, "But I love you."

The young woman also told police her attacker took a piece of the broken glass and tried to stab her.

However, she stated, she threw up her arm to ward him off and was cut on the right arm.

The woman quoted the man as saying, "I like for women to fight me."

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Following the night of terror, the young woman said the man went to sleep and she was able to escape the apartment and run out in search of a policeman.

Investigating officers report they found the nude man asleep in her bed with scratches all over him.

Robbery charges were added for taking the woman's rings, a dinner ring and a pearl ring, from her fingers and $2 from her purse.

Maryland General Hospital records show the woman sustained a deep head gash and right arm wound from glass in addition to bruises and external body injuries.

Brailey would repeal bill money to crime victims

Delegate Troy Brailey (D-4th Balto.) has announced his plans to introduce a bill in the coming session of the General Assembly to repeal the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act, along with some measures to aid the poor.

This Act, Mr. Brailey explained, allows for an extra $5 to be added to court costs in all convictions, except traffic and natural resources convictions.

The extra $5, he said, is put into a special fund to compensate persons injured assisting police officers.

Other bills Mr. Brailey said he plans to propose are:

1. A bill to change the state unemployment law. This bill will put the burden of proof on the employer, when he fires an employee unjustly and charges the employee with gross neglect thus preventing him from getting employment benefits.

2. A bill to raise the state's minimum wage to $2.50 per hour in steps.

3. A bill to require insurance companies to pay sick and accident policy holders benefits, when they are confined to bed at home and the doctor refuses to make home visits.

4. A bill to amend the present bill governing employment agencies, which will prevent such agencies from sending persons on jobs as strike breakers.

5. A measure to prevent, automobile dealers from advertising their dealership but not purchased, without the purchaser's consent.

Returning to the Criminal Injuries Act and the extra $5 fine, Mr. Brailey said: "This is working a hardship on poor black people in the inner city, because when the parents are sent to prison for some of the money they get from the Pentagon budget.

Democratic and Republican leaders predicted Nixon's veto would be upheld by the House, which would vote on it first. A two-thirds vote by both chambers would be required to override a veto.

Matron, 68, dies in fire caused by brother's hot plate

The flash fire which claimed the life of Miss Irene Johnson, 68, at 1121 N. Carey St. last week has been described by fire department officials as "freak."

Dave Eckels, of the department's communications division said the fire "began in a two burner hot-plate which was next to the bed of Miss Johnson's brother."

Mr. Eckels pointed out that according to Mr. Johnson he discovered the fire when he was going up the steps of the three story house from the second floor "and smelled the smoke."

He reported he entered the room and tried to put the fire out but failed. Miss Johnson then entered the room and attempted to help but neither could do anything.

"Mr. Johnson," Mr. Eckels said, "then went to the third floor and jumped to safety but the woman was unable to make it."

According to reports, Miss Johnson was found in the room where the fire occurred with "burns over 100 percent of her body".

Mr. Eckels said, "It is say that the fire was not confined to 1121 N. Carey but also involved both houses on either side.

Miss Johnson was buried in Lancaster, Va. on Jan. 20, at Queen Esther Church. The body was claimed by Miss Daisey Johnson, younger sister of the deceased.

Driver beats alcohol charge, but fined $103 by court

Mrs. Dorothy Belford was found not guilty of driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages in a marathon trial in Traffic Court last Monday.

The trial lasted over three hours.

A resident of the 2300 block Ambrose Ave., Mrs. Belford was also charged with leaving the scene of an accident and driving with ability impaired.

Mr. Belford testified that she was under her doctor's sedation at the time of the accident.

In rendering his verdict Judge Robinson remarked that either drugs or alcohol used separately could cause the abnormal behavior which Mrs. Belford exhibited.

He also stated that a combination of these drugs with alcohol will in all probability bring on adverse reaction.

Judge Robinson's decision was based, evidently, on the report of Dr. David Blake, Mrs. Belford's physician. The report stated that drugs in combination with alcohol would make a person intoxicated.

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Whereas Judge Robinson found Mrs. Belford not guilty on the charges of drunk-driving and leaving the scene of the accident, he did fine her $103 on the charge of driving with ability impaired.

According to the report of the police officer, Mrs. Belford's auto went out of control and struck a Checker and a Diamond cab while traveling north on Park Heights Ave.

James Cole, a witness who lives in the 2800 block of Clifton Ave., testified that Mrs. Belford slammed her car into one of the cabs, which was double-parked and struck Mr. Louis' wife.

Another witness, Mrs. Carrie Taylor of the 200 block Chestnut St., testified that Mrs. Belford's car "dashed" by her "backed up and hit" her on her leg, and skidded before striking the cab.

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"I saw the car traveling at an abnormal speed," said another witness, Willie Graham of 4200 block Park Heights Ave.

The reporting officer testified that Mrs. Belford had "moderate alcohol on her breath, slurred speech and she gave me an operators' license and tried to grab it out of my hands."

Later, according to the officer's testimony, Mrs. Belford was transported to Central District where she was unable to take the breath analyzer test because of the unavailability of the police to administer the test.

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In her testimony before the bench, Mrs. Belford stated that she had a shot of bourbon at 2 p.m. and another at 2:45 p.m.

She also testified that she takes medication every four hours and that she is under Dr. Blake's care.

With tears in her eyes, Mrs. Blake testified, "I swung around an oil truck into the left lane, went to swing back into the right lane and misjudged the two cars in front of me.

"I remembered a lady saying, 'Oh, my God. I didn't know I had hit her."

Mrs. Belford stated that she accompanied her husband, who died in a accident, to the Greyhound Bus Station for his departure on a business trip.

Welcome resolution will back state job hunt for convicts

Hailing Mayor D'Alesandro's proposal to find jobs for inmates before releasing them, as a worthwhile project, Senator Verda F. Welcome, (Balto. City, 4th) declared her intention to seek such a program statewide.

"Maryland today is paying a high price for failure to provide sufficient assistance to ex-convicts to enable them to undertake lease," the Baltimore City productive lives after release legislator explained.

Seventy-five to eighty percent of the ex-convicts released returned to prison for repeated offenses.

"It is unrealistic to expect an individual who has been down, to return to society after serving his term without a job, and not submit to temptation again."

Not only does he return to the same pressures and influences which enticed him to commit a crime in the first place," the Senator argued, "he also bears an additional stigma of being an ex-convict which makes it more difficult for him to obtain employment, and more subject to ostracism by his family and community."

Senator Welcome announced that she is preparing a resolution requesting a study of the best means for implementing such a program with our correctional system.

Support records needed for taxpayers report

Taxpayers must keep good records of the support they provide for dependents not living with them, according to Irvin Machiz, District Director of Internal Revenue for Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Failure to keep good records can cause some taxpayers to lose a dependency exemption they otherwise would be entitled to. For others it means the problem of assembling the needed records months after the expense was paid.

Mr. Machiz said that of the five tests that have to be met to satisfy the legal requirements for claiming another person as a dependent, the one that gives taxpayers the most trouble is the support test.

To satisfy the support test, the taxpayer must show what it cost to support the dependent for the year and how much of this he provided. To gather such records for a child who does not live at home or a parent or another relative in another city is naturally more difficult than it is for a dependent who lives with the taxpayer.

Close relatives including a child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, aunts, and uncles do not have to live with the taxpayer to qualify as a dependent.

Additional information can be obtained free at your local IRS office, ask for Publication 501, "Tax Exemptions and Exemptions for Dependents."

Bedspread linked Ray to murder of Dr. King

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — A bedspread from a rundown rooming house on Main Street was the link that tied James Earl Ray to the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an investigator for the District Atty. Gen. said Wednesday.

John C. Carlisle, appearing before a civic (Sertoma) club, said he worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Memphis Police in the probe of King's slaying on April 4, 1968.

He said the bedspread was found wrapped around a high-powered rifle and an overnight bag that had been abandoned on a sidewalk near the rooming house within minutes after the shot that killed King was fired.

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"The bedspread contained fibers from the trunk of Ray's white Mustang, which he later abandoned in Atlanta, Ga.," Carlisle said, "and the bedspread also contained fibers from the bed in the room, upstairs which was rented by Ray under the alias John Willard."

State authorities contend the fatal shot was fired from a bathroom in that rooming house which overlooked the balcony of the Lorraine Motel where King was standing when he was wounded.

Carlisle also showed slides taken at the scene of the shooting which showed an indentation in the wooden frame of the bathroom window which matched the trigger guard on the rifle.

WHITE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN:

'Lying South bused, paid extra for dual schools and loved it'

MIAMI (UPI) — Dade (Miami) County school board chairman G. Holmes Braddock contends that any southerner who says he is opposed to school desegregation only because it involves cross-busing is "lying."

"We cross-bused in Dade until three years ago, and I never heard a white family complain because we were busing to maintain segregated schools."

Braddock, appearing on a panel discussion before the League of Women Voters Tuesday night, said he was fed up with "lying southerners," and being caught in the middle between federal and state authorities over the desegregation issue.

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"Some people have said they won't pay extra money for busing schools," Braddock said. "But the South paid extra for a dual system for years and we loved it, so these people are lying.

"I was cross-bused for three years in Roseland, Fla. and I loved it. I was being bused 16 miles to an all-white school, past an all colored school that was closest to me."

Braddock also criticized Gov. Claude Kirk for a threat he made if Washington, saying he would sign an executive order banning immediate integration efforts in Florida despite the Supreme Court's order.

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"If he does this, he will in his usual grand stand fashion, put us in a totally impossible position," Braddock said. "If we disobey the governor he'll impeach us, if we disobey the court, we'll be in contempt.

"It appears to me that the court is the law, and that we have to do what the court says. If we have to, we'll go the court for clarification on this."

Gov. Kirk is one of several southern governors who have balked at the Supreme Court's new "integration now" order.

Gov. Lester Maddox of Georgia ordered a legal suit drawn up to block federal court orders, and Louisiana's Gov. John McKeithen, father of five, has said he would not permit his children to be bused to school "like cattle." His children now are driven to several miles to school in cars.

Harry Britton, field director of the NAACP, in Louisiana, denounced MacKeithen's stand as the "battle cry of a hopefully fading band of racists still clinging to the preservation of white supremacy."

Black tie affair planned to salute Sen. Welcome

Friday, Jan. 30, will mark "The Citizen's Salute to the Honorable Verda F. Welcome," Senator, Baltimore city, 4th district.

The black tie affair will be held at the Blue Crest North in Pikesville, Maryland.

There will be a social hour and cocktails from 6:30 p.m. — 7:40 p.m. and a full course seated dinner served at 7:45 p.m. The affair will be a pre-campaign testimonial to honor Mrs. Welcome

The public is invited to participate in this event. Reservations are $25.00 per person and may be secured at 3423 Homes Ave., or by telephoning Mrs. Mattie Gardner at 523-3457 or Mrs. Ellen Fisher at 826-5244.

FREE LUNCH PLAN

Gentlemen Of Jazz help students at school 91

During September 1969 a survey was conducted to find the number of children who needed free lunches at school 91.

It was found that there were 154 families totaling 769 people with a weekly income range of $30 to $75.

Ghis represented a yearly income range of $1,560 to $3,900 which is below the national poverty level.

At school 91 there are 154 of these children who are unable to bring or buy a lunch.

Being a Secondary School and not a part of the Free Lunch Program, twenty free lunches were allocated.

A talent show was given to raise money to help provide additional lunches for these boys and girls.

Being concerned about children ad humanity in general, the Gentlemen of Jazz decided to make a financial contribution to alleviate this situation. "To these men, we at School 91 express our personal thanks for their effort and interest in behalf of our boys and girls," said No. 91 principal Isaiah E. White.

Mandel asks personnel department revision

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — Legislation to the General Assembly to create a cabinet level Department of Personnel as part of his continuing plans to reorganize the Executive Branch of the state government has been submitted by Governor Marvin Mandel.

Under the measure filed Thursday, the new department would incorporate the existing department and over six boards and agencies which have responsibilities in the field of the personnel and retirement systems.

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The bill provides for the appointment of a Secretary by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, to head the department and to be directly responsible to the government.

The Secretary would be charged with setting up guidelines and procedures to promote a more efficient administration.

Also, the Administration measure would replace the position of State Retirement Systems, with an assistant Secretary of Personnel of Retirement Systems.

Among the boards and agencies that would be included in the new department are: the office of the Commissioner of Personnel, the Board of Ethics, the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement Systems, Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System, Board of Trustees of the Teachers' State Police Retirement System

The measure would also abolish and transfer to the Secretary the duties of the existing State Standard Salary Board and State Incentive Board. — MAX JOHNSON

House gets HEW funds bill; Nixon likely to veto

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate completed passage of a $19.7 billion education and health bill Wednesday and sent it to the House for a vote which could prompt President Nixon's first veto of legislation since he took office.

By a 47-40 vote, the Senate approved an amendment by Sen. Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis., requiring the Office of Economic Opportunity to spend its $1.948 billion portion of the bill according to a formula written by Congress.

House Democratic leaders tentatively agreed on a vote on Nelson's amendment Monday, after Nixon's State of the Union Message to a joint session of Congress.

The bill itself already has passed both houses. House approval of Nelson's amendment would send the measure to the White House. Nixon has promised to veto it as inflationary, contending the Democratic-controlled Congress added $1.3 billion too much.

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The controversy has been seized by both parties as a prime election year issue. Republicans are claiming credit for lighting inflation, and Democrats contend that federal education and health programs should get some of the money they get from the Pentagon budget.

Democratic and Republican leaders predicted Nixon's veto would be upheld by the House, which would vote on it first. A two-thirds vote by both chambers would be required to override a veto.

Talks between big three sign of new hope

The Warsaw meeting between United States and Red Chinese diplomats is but one example of vast changes which have occurred during the last 10 years and possible new opportunities that will arise in the decade of the 70's.

U. S. ambassador to Poland Walter J. Stoessel said he found the first formal contact in two years with Red. China "useful" and suggested others would follow.

In Peking in this first month of the new decade, the Soviet Union and Red China resumed discussion of their 100-year-old dispute in an atmosphere of acrimony and stalemate.

And in March the United States and the Soviet Union will resume in Vienna the salt talks looking toward limitation of strategic arms.

The likelihood then seems to be that in coming weeks the three giants in the world power struggle will be involved in three separate discussions but each involving only two of them.

Each has its special significance not only in the shifting triangular relationships among the United States, China and the Soviet Union but also on world events as they will unfold in coming years.

But for the United States, ideological eq: differences seem certain to prevent anything like a warm relationship with either of the other two.

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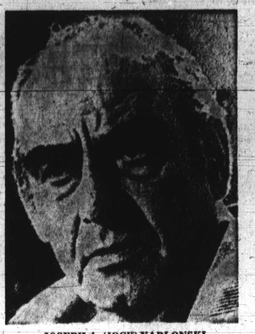

JOSEPH A. (JOCK) YABLONSKI

Yablonski left tips on killers

By STEPHEN MORROW

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Claude Vealey, 26, was charged Thursday with "violently by force killing" (UMW) official Joseph A. "Jock" Yablonski to prevent him from testifying before a federal grand jury investigating the union's recent presidential election.

Vealey was held in $275,000 bond.

Similar charges and high bond were to be placed against two other suspects, Abran W. Martin, 23, and Paul E. Gilly, 37. The three suspects were from the Cleveland area.

Yablonski may have pointed a finger from the grave which led to the arrests of the three men Wednesday in Cleveland.

Sources in Washington, Pa., said he kept a list of license numbers of "suspicious" automobiles seen near his isolated Clarksville, Pa., home farmhouse, in which he and his wife, Margaret, 57, and their daughter, Charlotte, 25, were shot to death in their beds on New Year's Eve. one of the license numbers led to Cleveland.

Authorities in Pennsylvania said they would seek to extradite the suspects and charge them with murder. Penn. State police Col. Frank McKetta said he was "not at liberty to say if there were other persons involved."

In spelling out the federal charges and imposing the heavy bond, U. S. Commissioner Clifford E. Bruce of Cleveland did not mention the killings of the two women.

Bruce listed the charges as "obstructing the administration of justice by traveling from Cleveland, Ohio, to Clarksville, Pa., and violently, by force, killing Joseph Yablonski, who was then and there summoned to be a witness in a federal grand jury which had then and there been convened in Washington, D.C."

The Washington grand jury was given the task of investigating the UMW's Dec. 9 presidential election in which Yablonski was defeated by the incumbent President, W. A. "Tony" Boyle, after an unusually bitter, name-calling campaign replete with court suits and charges of fraud.

Yablonski had been summoned as a witness before the grand jury. He was notified he would be called to testify "shortly after the first of the year."

The Union official and his wife and daughter were slain the night of Dec. 31. The daughter was killed with two bullets in the head as she slept in her bed. Then her mother was shot twice in her bed in another bedroom.

Yablonski, apparently awakened by the shots, was reaching for a shotgun resting on a window sill when he was shot five times, the FBI said.

Yablonski's two attorney sons, Kenneth of Washington, Pa., and Joseph of Washington, D.C., charged the killings were linked with their father's union activities and were done by paid "underworld assassins." The charges were echoed by Yablonski's union supporters.

The UMW leadership denied the connection and offered a $50,000 reward for information leading to capture of the killers.

After the Cleveland arrests, Boyle said in Washington he was "delighted" because the suspects had no ties with the union.

However, the Yablonski faction in the union said Boyle's reaction was inconsistent with the charges listed in warrants for the arrests obtained Wednesday by U. S. Atty. Robert Krupansky in Cleveland.

The chrges were: Interfering with the rights of a union member by force or violence, obstruction of justice, and conspiracy to interfere with a union member's rights.

The Yablonski sources said the connection between the slayings and Yablonski's union activities was implicit in the nature of these charges.

Martin, Vealey and Gilly were jailed on federal charges of interfering with the rights of a union member by force or violence, obstruction of justice and conspiracy to interfere with a union member's rights.

They spent the night in a maximum security section of Cuyahoga County Jail.

Hoover said the arrests resulted from "wide-ranging and extensive investigation throughout the United States." Police indicated further arrests may be coming.

Martin, a laborer, has a record dating back to 1963 and Vealey has been arrested 10 times since 1961 on charges of trespass, burglary and larceny, police said.

Martin was arrested in Cleveland city jail, where he was serving a 55-day sentence for resisting arrest and traffic violations. He had been convicted once before on a similar charge, and had nine other arrests, in the last five years, including burglary and auto theft.

Savings Payments Increase

WASHINGTON—The Federal Reserve Board has increased the interest ceiling commercial banks may pay on passbook savings accounts from 4 to 4.5 per cent.

The maximum for big depositors went up to 7.5 per cent. It was the first such raise on passbook accounts in six years.

Jury rules Panthers' killing just

CHICAGO (UPI) — A special, blue-ribbon coroner's jury has concluded the deaths of two Black Panther Party leaders during a police raid were "justifiable homicide."

The jury qualified its finding, however, in the death of Fred Hampton, 21, Illinois Panther chairman. The verdict said his death was justified, but added that the ruling was "based solely and exclusively on the evidence presented to this inquisition."

The death of Mark Clark, 22, a downstate Panther organizer, was justified," the panel said.

Hampton and Clark were killed Dec. 4, 1969 during a predawn raid on their West side apartment. Fourteen Chicago policemen assigned in the state's attorney's office took part in the raid.

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Seven Panthers who survived the raid charged police entered the apartment shooting and "murdered" Hampton and Clark. Police said the occupants of the apartment fired first. The disagreement prompted the formation of the special coroner's jury.

Dr. James T. Hicks, foreman of the jury, said the jurors could not take into consideration the charges made by Panthers supporters since they had to rely soley on information presented at the inquest.

The seven surviving Panthers refused to testify because all face criminal charges of attempted murder and aggravated assault in connection with the raid. The only testimony was from police and expert witnesses.

Hicks said the findings were unanimous. He said the question of who fired the first shot was not a major importance to the jury. Jurors, he said, concentrated on the "multiple events surrounding the two deaths."

Clark's body was found just inside the front door of the shabby apartment. Police who participated in the raid testified they believed Clark fired the first shots at them, including a blast through the door from a shotgun. Earlier, they said they thought a woman inhabitant fired the shots.

Sgt. Daniel Groth, who led the raid, testified Policeman James Davis told him Clark was seated in a chair in the living room trying to pump a shell into a shotgun when Davis entered. Davis was the policeman who broke through the door into the Panther apartment.

Davis said he fired twice at Clark and thought he hit him.

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Hampton's body was found on his bloody bed in a back room. Hicks said the question of "who shot Hampton" was the only matter the jurors were not able to determine. He said the bullet which struck Hampton in the head was not recovered.

One of the final witnesses, police lab technician Charles Kolodrevic, told the jury a second hole in the now famous door panel from Hampton's apartment did not have been hole in it when he first examined it just after the raid.

The Panel was missing for several weeks and only turned up again Monday when one of the Panther lawyers produced it after being threatened with jail. It was considered crucial evidence as the hole in it could show who fired first.

The last witness to be heard was coroner chief chemist George N. Christopoulous who testified that he found no evidence of narcotics in the blood of either of the two victims.

Lawyers for the Panthers had contended that at least one of the victims had been drugged before police entered the apartment.

The jury heard only from policement involved in the raid or experts connected with the case through their examination of the evidence. Several of the surviving Panthers were put on the stand but refused to testify.

Their lawyers said their refusal to testify was to protect themselves against double jeopardy by having to be testify first at the inquest and then at their own trial.

The raid is also being investigated by a county and federal grand jurors, the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights and by other groups.

—Panther killed

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Arlando Jones' mother admits, "I don't know what to believe. One person says that my son was shot once, one says twice, and another says three times. Nobodyy will talk to me about anything."

Mrs. Jones recalls that she was notified of her son's death several hours after the shooting when an attending physician at Hopkins called her.

"The doctor, I don't remember his name, told me when the police brought me in that my son was dead. I asked him what happened, and he said that Juney walked into the hospital, said 'I'm shot' and collapsed to the floor.

"The doctor said that he tried to work on him to get a pulse, but nothing happened. I walked to the bathroom, and when I came out, I saw the policeman who had brought me to the hospital.

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"I asked him how my son had gotten to the hospital, and he told me that they had brought him in the ambulance. At that time, I wasn't thinking too clearly, and told them that I was going home."

A second eyewitness, who called the AFRO just minutes after the shooting, said police "threw the boy into the ambulance."

Another caller said he was left lying on the street for over a half hour.

Mrs. Jones continues her story:

"Later on, I started wondering how he could have walked to the hospital and then walked in an ambulance, so I called to try to talk to the doctor who had worked on him, but they told me that he was not there, and couldn't be reached."

"I couldn't talk to the police about it either, and tried to see Richard Woodard, but they wouldn't let me. They weren't going to let his sister see him, but she finally got in.

"She said that Richard (Woodard) said Juney was dead when they dragged him into the ambulance, and handcuffed his body to him (Richard)."

"She also said that Richard looked like 'an animal that's enough.'"

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Woodard is listed in satisfactory condition at Hopkins.

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The police version of the shootings describes a hold-up, a chase, and a shoot-out in which police say they were defending themselves.

The tavern owner, who says he was robbed, is Ronald E. Bunting, 33, owner of a tavern in the 6000 block of Monravia Park Drive.

He told police that he noticed the three men loading beer into the red pickup truck from his trailer.

He said he went for his revolver and exchanged shots with the trio, During the gunplay, he says he shot Jones.

The three men escaped from the scene in a stolen truck and he said they headed south on Sinclair Lane.

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Officer Edward G. Malecki and Sgt. Charles Dipino, led the police chase of the trio, according to the police.

At the intersection of Sinclair Lane and Brandon Ave., the two officers observed the speeding truck hearing down on them and said they were stunned when they were greeted by a hail of gunfire that sent them swerving in reverse.

The two officers said they gave chase, firing several rounds at the speeding pickup. Up ahead, a massive roadblock awaited the charging vehicle.

The truck smashed through the police blockade with guns blazing, as a battery of officers poured shotgun, rifle, and pistol fire from all directions, according to police.

Police report that Malecki and Dipino continued to pursue. They finally managed to pull alongside the truck, where they suddenly found themselves being pushed off the road.

Both vehicles engaged in a shoving match, until, at the intersection of Sinclair Lane and Washington St., the police car forced the red panel pick-up to turn the corner and crash into several parked cars.

The police claim officer Malecki and Sgt. Dipino jumped out of the squad car with guns ready, and apprehended Woodard and Demby.

Police say Arlando Jones was found lying on the floor of the truck with a bullet wound in the chest.

According to the police department, an internal investigation is on to determine who shot Jones and Woodard.

(Story compiled by AFRO Staff members, Al Rutledge, Willard Dixon, and Sandra Dobson).

—Ask Regents Concept Of Involvement

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By JOSHUA WATSON

Mrs. eParl C. Brackett assistant superintendent, Community School Program stressed a "commitment to the concept of having people involved and sharing ideas" in the Community School Program at the Board of School Commissioners meeting Wednesday.

Over 100 concerned representatives of the community sat through the four-hour school board meeting to hear the Community School make its report.

A nine minute film got the ball rolling, explaining the Community School Program at the public schools in Baltimore.

Then a group of five representatives from Public School No. 42, Garrison Junior High School, explained the workings of the program in the school.

School No. 42 Principal John Ward, acting presidents Carrison Community Council, Marvin Miller, Evening Division, Mrs. Mamie Thompson, guidance counselor, and Philip Parker, Big Brothers, were the speakers.

"I believe in a commitment to getting something done," said Mrs. Brackett.

Mrs. Brackett was also in perfect agreement with School Superintendent Thomas D. Sheldon's decentralization plan which would make all schools community schools.

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Board president, Francis D. Murhaghan, commissioners Samuel T. Daniels, Larry S. Gibson, James M. Griffin, and Philip Macht were the Board of School Commissioners present at the meeting.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is Thursday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m. at 3 E. 25 St.

NAACP asks jail reforms

Mrs. Juanita Mitchell of the NAACP Legal Redress Committee has asked Paul J. Reed Jr., chairman of theBaltimore Jail Board, to initiate an immediate investigation at Baltimore City Jail.

Specifically, Mrs. Mitchell asks that the circumstances of the suicide of an inmate, Eagle Scout Kirland Taylor, with his belt on July 4, 1969.

On behalf of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Taylor, Jr., Mrs. Mitchell points out there were a number of unexplained circumstances in the death which need probing.

Mrs. Mitchell quoted the parents as believing that narcotics violators in jail at the time may have assisted the death of their son to prevent him from disclosing information to the States Attorney about the activities of certain persons in violation of narcotics laws.

In the letter dated Jan. 22 states, "Although the Taylor's son will not benefit from any action now taken, these parents wish to protect other young people.

"Therefore we respectfully request the Jail Board to immediately enact and implement a regulation prohibiting the retention of bella

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dure Mr. Bosz said, "When a budget comes into the Budget Department it is taken by one of the eight budget analysts under whose umbrella that particular department comes.

"He goes over it, analyzes it and sees to it that it conforms to certain guidelines set up by the Governor. Finally when the analysts finishes with it, he, along with the Budget Chief and the Secretary, go to the Governor for approval."

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Mr. Bosz pointed out that once an analyst has made his decision about a budget he can only be overridden by either the Secretary, James R. Silcher or Governor Mandel.

Regarding the racial composition of the Budget Bureau Mr. Bosz said, "there are positions open in the department for analysts in various grades.

"Contrary to belief we also have a trainee program which starts at a little over $6,000 and at the levels of budget analyst the salaries go all the way to $14,000 per annum.

The Personnel Director also pointed out that requirements for budget analysts are not very steep. "You must have a Bachelor of Arts Degree and for some positions it requires studies in specific fields.

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"Those requirements are all academic and like any other department race has no qualification."

Finally, he said, that "after the test is taken the Secretary, the Supervisor of Analysts and the Chief of Budget interviews the top five men to determine who will get whatever job is available."

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by inmates.

"We further demand that youthful inmates be separated from older inmates.

Funeral services held for William Arthur

Funeral services for William Arthur were held Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. at St. Gregory the Great Church, Church, Gilmor and Baker Sts.

Mr. Arthur, 73, died suddenly Jan. 17 at a spokesman for the family recalled he was found dead on his job at the Grace Shafer's Hat Shop located at Park Ave. and McMechen St.

Born in Baltimore he was a product of the Baltimore Public Schools.

He was married to the former Miss Lillie Chase of Baltimore for over 53 years; she survives him.

Mr. Arthur retired from the Alco Gravure Company eight years ago after 42 years of service.

Since then he had worked in various establishments in the Bolton-Hill Area doing odd jobs.

He was very well liked and well known.

Mr. Arthur was an active member of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church and served on the Usher Board.

He had been member of the Club of the Month, a traveling group that sponsored many trips each year.

He was a charter member of the Counts Club, and he was a prominent Elk with the Monumental Elks.

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Cleveland city jail, where he was serving a 55-day sentence for resisting arrest and traffic violation. He had been convicted once before on a similar charge, and had nine other arrests, in the last five years, including burglary and auto theft.

Last rites held for Mrs. Tynes, 42

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Lee Tynes were held Thursday Jan. 22 at one o'clock at the Hyphert E. Nutter Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tynes, 42, died Friday at the Johns Hopkins Hospital after a brief illness.

A native of Elizabeth, N.C., she has lived in Baltimore for over 28 years.

She attended Douglass High School.

Mrs. Tynes was the widow of Wilson Tynes.

Survivors include her children, Angella Tynes, Patricia Woodson, Samuel Woodson, Yvonne Gray, Joyce Shelton, Alfred Barbette and Melvin Tynes. Three grandchildren, Maxie Starks, Karen Gray and Darryl Shelton.

Also surviving are her mother Mrs. Willie Lee Boone; four sisters, Mrs. Delores Boone, Mrs. Theresa Thornton, Mrs. Almeta Johnson and Mrs. Gloria Hamilton; two brothers, Roosevelt Boone and Franklin Boone.

Burial was in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Herbert E. Nutter Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Girl, 14, charges roomer with attempted assault

At Western District, Judge John R. Hargrove, heard testimony that a 32-year-old roomer in an apartment house in the 2000 block W. North Ave. attempted to criminally assault a 14-year-old girl.

The defendant, Andrew Thomas Palmer, was held under $1500 bail for action of the grand jury. According to police testimony, they received a call early Tuesday morning and upon arrival at the North Ave. address, they were met by the victim's mother.

She told them that she had left her da