WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT along TO A FRIEND

Mother Of Five Convicted In Slaying Case

Steelworkers in gay, happy mood as strike is averted

By MAX JOHNSON

Tuesday afternoon brought a dark, cloudy, damp, but 20-degree coldness to Baltimore—an even more dismal atmosphere weatherwise, for Sparrows Point.

But — a cheery brightness was highly noticeable around the entrance gates at the Bethlehem Steel Co. plants, as the afternoon shifts changed.

The cloudy, drabness of the over - cast afternoon was dispelled by the high spirits, the joviality reflected in the exchanges of banter among workers going to and leaving their jobs.

This was a bright, cheerful day for them — the long, costly steel strike was over.

Though they had been back on their jobs for several weeks under provisions of a Taft-Hartley injunction, the strike settlement announcement the day before on Monday relieved the threat of another walkout later this month.

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IT WAS a settlement that apparently pleased the men, because it was acceptable to their union, the United Steel Workers of America.

Provisions, not yet completely detailed, would bring the steel - workers increases in wages and various benefits estimated at 40 cents an hour over the next three years.

But mostly, the Bethlehem steel plant workers AFRO representatives noted Tuesday afternoon, were just happy the strike was at last over.

For instance, here are some comments to the AFRO Tuesday afternoon, from these workers at the Sparrows Point plants:

WILLIAM CARTER, 2500 Cedar Hill Ln., blast furnace 32 years — "I feel pretty good about the settlement, because we are going back under union terms.

"It was not too much of a hardship for me. I have a wife and two children, and I took the time to build on my homes.

"This will make things run much more smoothly for us."

ROBERT GOODALL, 1019 N. Chester St., labor, 18 years — "I think this is a really good thing. I most certainly did suffer a hardship in the strike.

"Now I'm going to try to save as much money as I can to be prepared when the next strike comes. And I know it will come when the next contract runs out."

CHARLES BANKS, 218 Collins Way, coke ovens, 9 years — "We have five children, and the strike was certainly a hardship on us.

"Right now, I am trying to get caught up on my bills, and then I'm going to prepare for the next strike, as well as the future."

Further such comments came from:

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LORD CHANDLER, 810 King Ct., blast furnaces, 14 years — "The strike was quite a hardship for me, because I have two children. I don't have any special plans now, except to pay back bills."

EDWARD FLEMING, 101 Poland St., blast furnaces, 10 years — "All I want to do is to be ready for the next strike. I have eight children, but this one was not too bad for me. I had a little money saved."

EVERGIE LACKS, 108 Carsive Hill, blast furnaces, 12 years — "I have four children, and the strike was not too bad for me. Now that I'm back to work, I plan to remodel my home."

WARTHA PRICE, 2743 Beryl Ave., warehouse dept., 7 years — **"I have one child and one on the way, and this strike was a rough period for us.**

"I hope to be able to continue working now to pay up my bills that piled up during the strike."

PHILIP CLASH, 2321 Liberty Heights Ave., warehouse dept., 9 years — "I am sure glad the strike is over. I have one child and things got pretty tough. But I was willing to go along with the union.

"Now I can pay my bills that got back. And I can relax and plan for the future."

So it went. Steelworkers happy to be back at work, without having to worry about another union walkout in the near future.

Men assured now that there will be steady work to allow them to support their families.

Joseph Sherman — Nathaniel Melvin

E. Brakenton — Garland Newton

William Carter — Robert Goodall

Lord Chandler — Charles Banks

Edward Fleming — Evergie Lacks

GREAT DAY — The joyful expressions on the faces of these Sparrows Point steelworkers give evidence of their happiness over the steel strike settlement on Monday. Left to right are Wartha Price, 2700 block Beryl Ave., and Philip Clash, 2500 block Liberty Heights Ave.

Petite matron gets 12-year sentence

A 31 - year - old mother of five children was sentenced to 12 years Tuesday for the second degree murder of an "unwelcomed tenant" — a man whom she said moved into her project apartment after she gave birth to his child.

Mrs. Bernice Davis, 100 block N. Aisquith St., a petite, soft-spoken matron, testified her frequent arguments with John Calvin Parham resulted in his death Sept. 30.

Separated from her husband, the father of her four oldest children whose ages range from 11 to 6—Mrs. Davis told Judge Joseph Allen, who imposed the sentence, that she repeatedly told Parham to leave her Lafayette Projects home, and he told her, "If I am a nuisance to you, then the baby is too."

She said he threatened to take the baby with him if he had to leave.

She said he treated her and the four older children badly.

In a statement she signed a few hours after the fatal shooting, Mrs. Davis told police this story:

"Well, we had been arguing most of last night because I did not want him to stay there any longer.

"So, when we woke up this morning, I told him again he would have to go and he told me if he goes, he was going to take the baby with him and he started to pack the baby's clothes.

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"**THEN, HE** changed his mind and told me that he was not going to lose a day's work, but he would be back in the evening and then he would go and take the baby with him," she added.

"So this evening when he came home," the mother continued, "I told him he could take the baby if he promised to take care of it properly.

"He told me that when he took the baby, I would never see it again, and I told him I could always get the police and they would see to it that I could see my baby," she testified.

She also told Judge Allen that this was the point during the argument when she left the bedroom, where they argued, to get a 12 gauge shot gun she loaded the day before in the event Parham threatened her.

Before she could return to the bedroom with the gun, her baby began to cry, she told the court. So she went into the kitchen to get its bottle, and returned to the bedroom with the bottle in one hand and the gun in the other.

The baby was in a crib in the same bedroom in which Mrs. Davis and Parham argued.

The other children had been sent upstairs to the same apartment house with relatives.

She said Parham moved toward her with his hands raised when he saw the gun, and she shot the.

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MRS. DAVIS, represented by Harold J. Hastings, also told the court that she separated from her husband after nine years marriage, and met Parham in the latter part of 1958.

In June, the baby was born and Parham moved into her home above her objections. She said he gave her $10 weekly at first, then gradually came to contribute nothing.

At times he slept in her bedroom, and other times he slept on her living room sofa, she said.

The matron said she had gone to police several times when Parham, a heavy, six - footer threatened her, because he said he would not give her up—and would rather see her dead.

Mrs. Davis also testified that the Housing Authority had ended her lease on the 129 month, by apartment because Parham was living there, and this was one of the reasons she repeatedly insisted that he move.

She said she promised the project manager that she would make him get out a few days before the shooting.

On the day before the shooting, she said, she told Parham again that he had to go, and he argued.

She said the argument lasted all day, and he laid down in the hallway in front of her bedroom that night to keep her from going to the police.

He fell asleep on the hallway floor, she said, and at 3 a.m., she tipped past him to the hallway closet, removed the gun, loaded it, then returned to her bedroom and sat up the rest of the night.

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IN AN eight-page opinion by Judge Allen, the jurist observed:

"The deceased did not want to leave (the home), and she (Mrs. Davis) loaded the gun the evening of September 29, not because of any threats he made against her, but because she was preparing to threaten him, to force him to leave."

In dismissing the first degree murder charge, the jurist said, "I do not believe that...when she loaded the gun, or even when she took it from the cleaner and carried it into the bedroom, she had the full and conscious knowledge of a specific design and purpose to kill Parham."

Sentencing for the mother was delayed to make arrangements with relatives to take care of her five children.

Harford Housing suit dismissed

A Federal Court jurist decided that a suit against the housing which an Army Reserve officer charged that he was refused the right of purchasing a home in Edgewood housing development because of his race, dismissed.

Brennie E. Hackley Jr., holder of a Ph.D. in chemistry and a civilian employee at Edgewood Chemical Center asked the court to restrain the government from supplying the Edgewood Meadows Apartments with water and sewerage facilities as long as they refused to sell to colored.

Condemnations to the suit were Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Charles E. Wilson, secretary of Defense; Charles Thomas, secretary of the Army; Harford County Metropolitan Commission, County Commissioners of Harford County, Md., and Colonel Roy Mack, commander of the Army Chemical Center.

SPECIFICALLY Capt. Hackley charged that the Army, through its agent, the Army Chemical Center, forbade Richard H. Rovere, commanding officer of the Army Chemical Center, from carrying out his contract which the government provided in the sale of the housing development and also from renting to Negroes.

Attorney Leonard J. Moran, representing the defendants, said the Army Department had no authority to force Rovere to violate his contract.

Judge Roszel C. Thomsen said Rovere was not a party to the suit and was not required to testify.

Plaintiffs have proved no cause entitling them to relief, he ruled.

Civilian employees who lived in the apartment were told to vacate so the government could use it for military personnel.

IN A 13 - page opinion signed Jan. 5, Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen said the reasons set forth by the plaintiff were not sufficient for him to grant the injunction, thereby depriving all the "innocent families" of plumbing facilities.

The jurist said, "Such an injunction would leave without any water or means of sewage disposal the families of military personnel and civilian employees of the Army Chemical Center, colored as well as white, to say nothing of other innocent civilians."

He also said, "If the rule were adopted, where should the line be drawn? Every business and every property owner receives various services from State and Federal Governments, many of them at less than cost.

"Plaintiffs have proved no cause entitling them to relief, stated," he concluded.

Hazel appeal to be heard next Tuesday

Clifford E. Hazel goes before the Maryland Court of Appeals in Annapolis on Tuesday in a plea for his life.

Judge Joseph P. Todd of Anne Arundel County sentenced the 22-year-old Hazel to death in the gas chamber in August for the slaying of his mother.

He was convicted of the August 2 rape of a 33-year-old mother of three children in her Bolton St. home and robbery.

His half-brother, Haywood Stanley, 19, had been convicted earlier of attempted rape in a Laurens St. escape of which Hazel was found innocent. The younger brother was sentenced to life imprisonment.

POLICE SAID the two boys started a series of robberies and assaults in the Bolton St. area with the arrest of the half-brothers.

Milton Allen and Jacqueline Leeds are attorneys for Hazel. Atty. Gen. C. Ferdinand Sybert has appointed Asst. Atty. Gen. James H. Norris Jr. to argue on behalf of the state.

O'Conor Jr. to enter 7th Dist. Congress race

Thomas R. O'Conor Jr., of Maryland's former governor and a Democratic Senator, is expected to seek the Democratic nomination to the House of Representatives from the 7th District in November, it was learned Tuesday.

His entry will make this nomination a three-way fight in the primary on May 17, Samuel N. Friedel, the incumbent, has filed for re-election. Maurice Cardin, Fifth District General Assembly member, is also in the race.

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Interracial Council sets its breakfast

Gerard Sherry, managing editor of the Catholic Review, will be the speaker at the Community Interracial Council's annual breakfast Sunday, Jan. 17.

The council and friends will attend mass at the Basilica of the Assumption, Cathedral and Mulberry Sts. at 9 a.m. Father Joseph Connelly, moderator, will be the celebrant.

Program participants and guests will include Fathers William Kahler Dunn, chaplain at Notre Dame College; Martin Gamber, chaplain Catholic Lay Teachers League; Thomas Baumgartner, chaplain, Newman Club of Morgan State College; Thomas O'Connor, pastor, St. Peter Claver Church; Joseph Gallagher, Young Christian Workers.

The Interracial Councils throughout the country have formed a national organization with Mrs. P. B. McHaney as president, Father Patrick J. Molloy, chaplain.

Miss Anita R. Williams is president of the local group. Mrs. Sarah H. Howard is breakfast chairman. Reservations may be made by calling the chairman, VE. 7-6818.

NAACP wins case against theatre

Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen has ordered a motion picture theatre in Frederick, Md., to end its policy of racial segregation.

The action came in Federal Court as the result of a suit filed by the NAACP on behalf of three colored residents of Frederick, two of whom are employed at nearby Camp Detrick.

The motion picture house, known as the Marva Theatre, is operated in a city owned building and Judge Thomsen ruled that to permit segregation in such a facility was a violation of the equal rights provisions of the 14th amendment.

The threatre is located in the City Opera House, which was built in 1875 as a place of public assembly.

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SINCE 1927 the building has been leased to private motion picture theatre operators, and the most recent lease has been the Marva Theatre, which was granted a lease from Oct. 1, 1950 to Sept. 30, 1960.

In operating the theatre, the management reserved the first floor of the main auditorium and the front of the balcony for white patrons, while the back seats were set aside for colored patrons.

It also had segregated toilet facilities.

The defendants in the case were denied admission to the first floor on March 10, 1958, after they purchased tickets, and they filed the suit.

WHEN THE case was called before Judge Thomsen, it was proposed that an agreement might be reached which would do away with the necessity of legal action.

It was proposed that any lease for the theatre after Sept. 30, 1960, should contain a non-discrimination clause; and that in the meantime no further action would be taken against the Marva Theatre.

The plaintiffs and the NAACP agreed to this and the Board of Aldermen of Frederick adopted a resolution saying that a new lease agreement must contain the non - discrimination clause.

However, the Marva Theatre went on to go along with the proposal and said that it would not renew the lease but would operate another theatre and that one alone, at the start of 1960.

Deferring to the "instransigent attitude" of the theatre company, Judge Thomsen said the efforts to conciliate had failed, and the defendants were therefore entitled to a ruling.

IN ORDERING the threatre to halt discrimination immediately, Judge Thomsen also refused to issue a requested injunction against the city of Frederick saying that the city's action had been "fair" and "in line with its fine tradition."

With the Marva Theatre indicating that it will not operate the theatre on a non-segregated basis after its lease expires, the future of the building is in doubt.

However, the city has indicated it might turn the structure into an office building.

Attorneys for the NAACP were Mrs. Juanita R. Mitchell and Tucker Dearing.

Plaintiffs were listed as Linwood A. Jones Jr., Weldon W. Lyles.

Court grounds shipyard worker

Sidney his house with Commissioner, Traffic Magistrate Harold J. Frankel, in answer to a charge and statement that his client had no money, traffic violations, the judge said he suspended "an wonder you could not catch up on your bills."

He found shipyard worker George McLurkin, 43, 700 block of Arundal Rd. $25 for failing to appear on a Sept. 1958 charge of exceeding 30 miles per hour. A ten-day sentence on the charge was suspended.

Mr. McLurkin was also fined total of $25 for traffic violations dating from June, 1957 to the present. The jurist suspended the sentence provided for three months, pending a mental examination. He will appear permission to drive home.

OPERATION SKATE SAFELY went into effect in the Western Police District, commanded by Capt. Wade Poole, during the holidays when hundreds of children with new skates flirted with death by playing in the streets. Police took skates from children caught playing in the streets and returned them to their talking to their children about the dangers of street skating. At left, Officer William Adelsberger holds some of the skates picked up and at right, a child takes a gamble with his life by skating in a street where drivers coming over hill would not see him until they were dangerously close.

J.H.U. to use part of park

The Park Board voted unanimously Thursday to sell a portion of Wyman Park to Johns Hopkins University for a desired expansion of the school.

The decision came at a breakfast meeting of the board, and followed a formal request a few weeks ago for such action from Dr. Milton Eisenhower, president of the university.

While Dr. Frank C. Marino, chairman, presiding all Park Board members were present, State Senator J. Alvin Jones, of Baltimore's Fourth District, is a member of this board.

Dr. Marino revealed that the portion of Wyman Park requested by the university is a narrow, hilly sector in the vicinity of the old Ma and Pa Railroad.

The park, he said, allows the only reasonable expansion place for the university. Otherwise, a new location for the school might be necessary outside Baltimore.

Dr. Marino stated that a city assessor has been asked to place a price on the portion of Wyman Park to be sold to the university.

Interracial Commission report ready Wednesday

The annual report of Maryland's Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations for 1959 is to be formally presented to the commission members on Wednesday.

Douglas B. Sands, new executive secretary of the commission, said Thursday the report is a "good one," as compared to those of the past, and contains two new ideas of his own.

It will contain, Mr. Sands revealed, a detachable form which asks that the commission be informed on public places of accommodations which have adopted an interracial policy. Also given will be a statistical report of commission meetings.

Mr. Sands took over the executive secretary post at the commission on November 16.

The position was formerly held by Samuel T. Daniels, who resigned eight months before in March.

Though the commission operated without an office head during the eight-month period, Mr. Sands said much of the work was carried on by the commission members.

IN PERSON!! FATHER P. H. FRANKLIN OF DALLAS, TEXAS, WILL CONDUCT A GREAT 10-DAY REVIVAL AT CHRIST UNITY CHURCH 667 W. Fayette St. Beginning SUN., JAN. 10th - 11:00 A.M. SERVICES NIGHTLY Assisted by Brother JAMES LEE!

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Daddy Grace Dies

$100 Prize Winners

PINKNEY BRISCOE
62 years on same job . . . he wins $75 prize

114 yrs. on same jobs

We have found the Baltimorean with the longest continuous job tenure.

He is Pinkney Briscoe, 84, 1115 N. Fremont Ave., who has been employed at the Merchants Club, 206 E. Redwood St., since May, 1887.

For 62 years Mr. Briscoe has been known as "the chief" in the historic club which has had many of the country's presidents as guests.

As the oldest worker to participate in the AFRO longest-job-holder contest Mr. Briscoe will receive a $75 first prize.

The winner of the $25 second place prize is Samuel P. Williams, 61, 2545 McCulloh St., employed as sexton at the Trinity Methodist Church, Liberty Heights and Wabash Aves., since he was 14 years old.

SAMUEL P. WILLIAMS
52 years on same job — he gets $25 prize

IN LAST Friday's AFRO the quest for the dean of job-holders and his runnersup was announced.

The announcement pointed out that the AFRO knew there were a number of employees around the city who had been on the same job for a number of years.

It was noted that we were seeking the person who had been working on the same job for the longest continuous period of time.

Continuous was defined as a period in which the worker did not leave his job.

Contestants were invited to come to the AFRO City Desk at the AFRO Building, Eutaw St. and Druid Hill Ave., and give the details of his job.

The contest closed at noon Wednesday.

Out of those who appeared at the AFRO, Mr. Briscoe emerged as the undisputed champion.

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IT WAS in 1897 that Mr. Briscoe set out on the quest for a job that would give him some time for himself, something he did not have on his prior job as a butler in a private family.

A friend suggested the Merchants Club as a possible place.

He was hired as a waiter and was assigned to the "chief's" table. The "chief" was Arthur Gorman, Democratic leader and U.S. Senator.

Mr. Gorman was a regular customer of the club and was a close friend of the owner, Mr. Frank Brown.

Mr. Gorman was a man who was used to having his way. He was a man who was used to having his way. He was a man who was used to having his way