HARLEM PARK PROJECT MOVING SLOWLY

Death laid to Berlin crisis

Testimony at a homicide hearing in Central Municipal Court Tuesday revealed that the Berlin crisis contributed indirectly to the death of a 34-year-old man last September 28.

At a preliminary hearing for Leon Douglas Jr., 25, of the 200 block Bridgeview Rd. police said that Earl Simmons, 34, of the 2000 block Mount Royal Ave., was shot after he and the defendant had argued over world affairs.

Judge John A. McGuire ordered Mr. Douglas held without bail for action of the grand jury.

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THE FATAL shooting occurred in the 200 block of Bridgeview Rd. after both men had left an anniversary party.

A single shot was fired soon after Douglas, an Army Corporal assigned to a medical unit at Fort Meade told the deceased, "Looks like you will have to go back into the Army, police said.

Southern District Police said that Simmons was shot between the eyes as he sat in an automobile with his wife, Mrs. Lavern Simmons.

Enroute to University Hospital with her husband, Mrs. Simmons collided with an automobile at Baltimore and Greene Sts.

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PATROLMAN Earl Brown testified that Douglas had given police a statement in which he declared:

"I went to an anniversary party with my wife and sister. Some neighbors were there.

"We were sitting around drinking when three people came in.

"We got into a discussion about the Army and it turned into an argument when I told one of the men he might have to go back in. He said he didn5t think so."

Mr. Douglas allegedly said that after he had gone to his home to get a gun he walked over to the car where Simmons was sitting and was about to apologize when "the man made a move and said 'get the h. . . away from here.'

"When the gun went off I said, 'My God, I shot him.'"

Douglas said he left the

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Welfare work plan extended

Unanimous approval of the city's experimental work program for some Department of Public Welfare recipients for another year, was given Wednesday by the Board of Estimates.

Request for continuation of the program was made in a report submitted by Miss Esther Lazarus, Welfare Department director, and Charles L. Benton, city budget director.

The report revealed that the work program had saved the city approximately $12,000, during the first four months, July through Oct. 31.

Actually, $18,000 had been worked off, the report stated, but expenses for administrating the program amounted to $6,060.

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IT WAS estimated that the program would save the city $36,000 next year.

"The gain to the city in terms of work accomplished would seem sufficient for extending the program another year," Miss Lazarus and Mr. Benton stated.

They pointed out that the work program had suffered some through a high percentage of absentees, and suggested that this might be cut considerably if the city gave the welfare recipients designated for various work projects 50 cents a day carfare.

It was estimated that this would cost $2,000 for the coming year. Some workers complained they lost money by working because they often have to pay out 50 cents a day to get to and from work. None - workers don't have such expense.

BUT IT was suggested that at least $2,500 could be saved to offset this expense, if the workers would file income tax returns, collect their refunds, and pass them along to the city.

The report further revealed that the workers had proved satisfactory on jobs at City Hospitals, Cylburn Home and the Bureau of Parks, but unsatisfactory with the Bureau of Highways and the schools system.

The work program is aimed at able-bodied welfare recipients, both women and men, who are under the welfare Department's general public assistance category.

HOLE IN MIDDLE OF THE CITY — The making of a dream is what Baltimoreans see when they look at this giant hole in the center of the city at Charles and Fayette Sts. It's One Charles Center and when opened next fall will be a handsome 23-story glass and aluminum office building. The architect was internationally famed Mies Van Der Rohe and the contractor is Metropolitan Structures of Chicago. This is the first of eight office buildings, including a federal building to begin soon. The 33-acre Charles Center, an amibitious development to reshape downtown Baltimore, also will include apartment buildings, three public parks, a new hotel and a theatre. (Photo-montage by I. Henry Phillips).

Barriers still block renewal

"The pioneer project (renewal) in Harlem Park is replete with problems."

This, in substance, was the progress report of Charles Curtis, co - chairman of the Home and Neighborhood Committee of the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council.

Mr. Curtis was one of four speakers at the Citizens and Planning and Housing Association fall meeting on Tuesday at the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church.

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HIS GROUP represents 13,700 residents in the city's first neighborhood rehabiliation program. The rea is bounded by Lafayette, Fremont Aves., and Franklin and Monroe Sts., and is known as Area Renewal Project No. 2.

Aim is to preserve some solid residences, repair others which are overcrowded and remove properties unsuitable for occupancy. It is also the plan to provide wholesome recreational and allied facilities.

Mr. Curtis explained that the neighborhood council has several committees working to mold the area into one of 'which all the city can be proud,' but it has met many stumbling blocks.

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SPECIFICALLY, Mr. Curtis noted the following:—

Conventional financing (for repairs etc.) until three months ago, was impossible.

In September, however, a building and loan association secured cooperation of

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Future of Harlem Park hinges on team of experts

The future of urban renewal in Harlem Park may well hinge on the work being done by a team of government experts at the park headquarters, 801 N. Arlington Ave.

For three weeks these specialists have been seeking ways to break the bottleneck of stringent credit requirements.

R. Clarke Davis, director, Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency's Harlem Park Urban Renewal, said:

"The local and Washington FHA people are still working with the financial advisors and estimators, in efforts to work out procedures where loans will be available for people in the Harlem Park area."

76 registered this week; registration, 110,638

If you have not yet registered to become eligible to vote, you may now do so.

Who should register:

Those persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more — and are not yet registered to vote.

Where to register — Supervisors of Elections, ground floor of People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Hours you can register — Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Total registered as of May 31, 108,355.

Total registered for Nov. 1960 election: 106,306.

Registered this week period: 76.

Total to date 110,638.

	Dem.	Rep.	In.
Thursday	0	0	0
Friday	21	3	0
Monday	18	2	1
Tuesday	15	3	1
Wednesday	8	4	0

Total number of prospective voters of age unregistered, 64,356.

2 inspectors, 4 captains moved

Police Commissioner Bernard J. Schmidt announced reassignment of two inspectors and four captains this morning in line with what he terms a "new policy" of periodic changes in the Baltimore City Police Department.

Friday's changes included:

Inspector Leo T. Kelly Jr., from Northwestern and Western Districts and the K-9 Corps to Central and Southern Districts.

Inspector Frank A. Deems, from Central, Southern and the Automobile Repair Shop to Northwestern, Western and the K-9 Corps.

Capt. Joseph A. Mahrer from Central to Northeast.

Capt. George Deuchler from Eastern to Central.

Capt. Robert Franck from Northwest to Eastern.

Capt. George G. Gaeng, former Park Police head and member of the Detective Bureau, to head of the K-9 Corps.

Dallas church

DALLAS — (ANP) — The previous all - white Lovers Lane Methodist Church here recently accepted a colored woman into its large membership without fanfare or protests.

REPRESENTATIVE of the 41 new firefighters who graduated from the Fire Department Training Center Tuesday is Firefighter Charles E. Johnson. The little lady is his wife. The Johnsons reside at 2607 Spelman Rd. in Cherry Hill.

41 firefighters given assignments

Forty-one new firemen graduated from the Fire Department Training School Tuesday and were given their assignments.

Among the graduates were Firefighters William E. Dixon who was assigned to Engine Company 2; Edward J. Bell and Roger Willis, Truck Company 16; Augustus R. Bond, Engine Company 1; Ernest Johnson, Hose Company 2; and Elias C. Taylor and Samuel S. Wilson who were assigned to Engine Company 25.

Firefighters Herbert L. Harris was assigned to Hose Company 3; Bobbie L. Williams, Engine Company 45; John R. Johnson, Engine Company 44; and Charles E. Johnson to Hose Company 5.

Rosewood donation

A unit of the John and Samuel Tyson Post 38509 VFW will visit the Rosewood Training School Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m.

A donation of $50 will be presented. Andrew Yarborough, commander; Andrew West, senior vice - commander; Frank Boddie, quartermaster; M. C. Grimes Jr., junior vice - commander; Arthur K. Statson, chaplain, will make the trip.

Kenneth Carmody in Congressional race

Kenneth S. Carmody, Baltimore County attorney, announced his candidacy this week for the Democratic nomination for the House of representatives in Maryland's Second Congressional District now held by Daniel B. Brewster, who is seeking election to the U.S. Senate on the Tawes ticket.

The Second Congressional District includes Baltimore, Harford and Carroll Counties.

John Hampton, lawyer, dies at home Friday

John Hampton, 78, 1227 W Lafayette Ave., veteran lawyer, died at his home this morning, Friday, at 8:05 a.m. after an extended illness Funeral services had not been arranged at AFRO presstime.

Mr. Hampton who was a member of the St. James Episcopal Church 57 years, is survived by his wife, Mrs Rosa Hampton and cousins, Mrs. Nellie Sorrell, Arthur Bragg and Harry Bragg.

"SOMETHING HIT ME" — Student nurses Miss Barbara Dow and Mrs. Ann Coley comfort Edward Elbeck, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Elbeck, 534 Dolphin St., who was injured by a car in an accident at Hoffman St. and Druid Hill Ave. Thursday morning. When policeman asked the School 131 pupil what happened he replied: "I was on my way to school and something hit me." Youngster did not appear to be seriously hurt.

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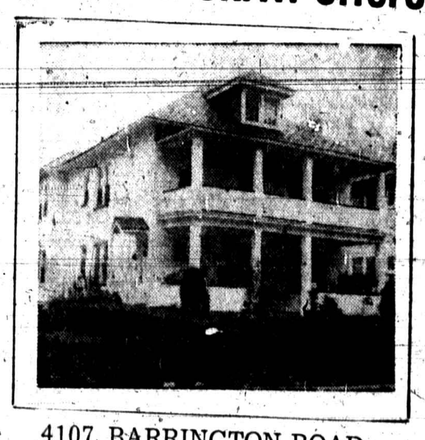

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