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—In kids death

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attorney, W. A. C. Hughes, was late in arriving at court.

Justice came quickly and finally for the former advertising firm messenger, defendant in what came to be known as the "Red Shoe Murder Case" as Charles E. Moylan Jr., deputy state's attorney and prosecutor, detailed the "savage attack and brutal murder" of the youngster in the home of her parents who befriended him only four months earlier when they learned that he "was down on his luck," according to Leonard Washington, father of the young victim.

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MR. WASHINGTON, star witness in the two - hour hearing, said they had taken Johnson in last February and had given him board and free rent, until May 25, when Debbie disappeared.

Her mutilated body, wearing one red shoe, was found the next day stuffed in the second floor bedroom closet of her sister, Mrs. Maxine Johnson, who also lived in the 600 block Portland St. house.

Before the grim discovery, a search for Debbie was conducted in the south Baltimore Community in which Johnson personally took part.

Led by southwestern District patrolman Maurice H. Dungan, who worked around the clock, searchers, including the child's father, canvassed the entire neighborhood, while Johnson kept the secrets of her whereabouts to himself. Mr. Moylan told Judge Harris.

Mr. Hughes, court-appointed attorney and Johnson offered no testimony in his defense either by himself or other witnesses.

In a statement to police, Johnson candidly admitted the criminal attack and murder of the child as he did the assault of the hostess of a party he attended April 20, also in the 600 block Portland St.

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ASKED BY police to "tell in your own words" what happened May 25, Johnson said, in part.

"I had been drinking all Saturday morning and the better part of Friday night. It was about 2:30 p.m. Saturday when I left my friend's house and went home to Portland St.

"The children were all playing in the yard. The youngest of the children asked me for some cookies, which they usually do, and I called Debbie, who was the oldest of the youngest ones.

"I gave her 15 cents to go to the store to get some cookies. I told her to get two for a penny if she could.

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"She told me when she came back that she could only get one for a penny and she came up to my room with the cookies.

"I TOLD her to give them to me and I would show her how to divide them. She was standing by my bureau looking at some pictures I had there. I called her over to the bed and I started wrestling, as we sometimes do."

Johnson then related how he "got excited" and attempted to assault the child.

"She started to holler and I took my hands and squeezed both sides of her neck and I pressed too hard and she started gagging and I got frightened. She struggle for a while and I pressed harder on her neck and took my hand and put it over her mouth. . ."

When the young victim wasn't moving," Johnson told police in the statement admitted into evidence, he wrapped her body in a blue blanket and placed it in a back room "between the radiator then I came back to my room, ate the cookies, threw the bag in the toilet, and laid on the bed for a while."

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WHEN DEBBIE'S playmates started calling and looking for her, the defendant told police, "I said the last I seen her was when I sent her to the store."

After the child's friends and relatives had looked in the store, all over the house, and he and they "went up town to see if she had been to visit other relatives," Johnson said he returned to the Portland St. house and hid Debbie's body in the bedroom closet of her sister, where it was found the next day.

After hiding the little girl's body behind an old mattress in the closet, Johnson told police he was "shaken" and laid down again.

After getting up after dark, the defendant said he sat in the dining room until around 1 a.m. then went to bed and slept until 9 a.m. the next day after which he "hung around the house."

Officer Dungan said Johnson gave no indication he knew of the whereabouts of the child during the day-long search on the 26th, but recalled that the suspect "put his hands to his face" when Debbie's body was found stuffed in the closet.

A short time later, during "routine interrogation," Patrolman Dungan testified, Johnson broke down and admitted the crime.

THE SOLUTION of the "Red Shoe Murder," Mr. Moylan told the court, and the discovery of a transistor radio, also linked Johnson to the April attack of a neighbor, who charged that her assallant took the radio from her home after assaulting her.

The neighbor and her husband, who were reluctant to notify police because of the lack of positive identification and embarassment, testified that Johnson followed her upstairs while the party was still in progress.

While she lay asleep in bed, the witness told Judge Harris, her assallant, using her husbands neckties, tied her legs and arms to the bed before attacking her.

"If you holler I'll cut your . . . . . throat," the victim quoted Johnson as he left the room.

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—Strang pets

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What led Mr. Cresson to enter the flying squirrel business in the first place is something not answered in his advertisement in All-Pets Magazine. This publication recently gave average retail holiday prices across the nation for such off - beat creatures as chipmunks (from $3.95 to $5.95), Beau Gregory tropical fish ($3 to $10 each) and ocelots (wild cats resembling a small leopard) which sell for $98 through $200 a piece.

If your favorite child is too sophisticated for a plain old cat or dog, there are many other far - out species of wild life to choose from.

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A WHITE mouse costs 35 cents at least, five bucks at most. A cairnan, better known as a small alligator, can grace your bathtub for $4.98.

The latest market reports on going prices for man's supposed two best friends, dogs and cats, indicate that the poodle is still top dog price - wise among the more popular breeds. A good one costs $200.

Regaining popularity is the familiar sad - eyed Cocker Spaniel. Their price is on the way up. A good Cocker puppy now sells for $100.

Persian cats still cost more than Siamese, with their top price around $70 as $50 for their South Pacific brothers.

If you seriously want more information on where to buy skunks, foxes and other four footed friends, your pet shop can steer you to the proper source.

—Dinah

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School board announces Mrs. Bond's retirement

At the Baltimore Board of School Commissioners' final meeting of the year Tuesday, the retirement of veteran public school teacher, Mrs. Pauline Wharton Bond, was announced.

Mrs. Bond, wife of School Commissioner J. Percy Bond director of admissions and placement at Morgan State College, had taught in local schools over three decades. She is youngest of a family of of teachers. He rsister, Miss Hermione Wharton retired in June as principal of Lemmel Junior High School.

Other personnel notices issued at the school board session included approval of Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong, supervisor of special services, as acting head of the division of Special Services while its director, Arthur Lichtenstein, is on leave.

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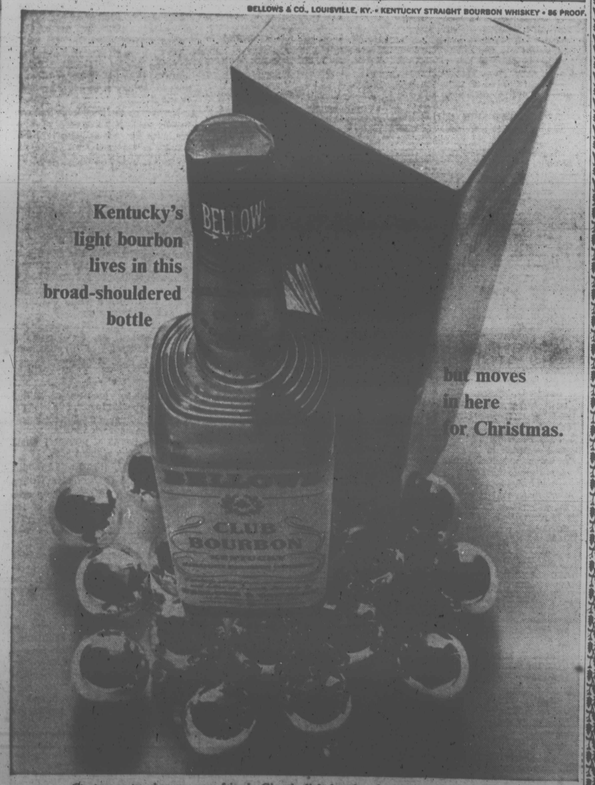
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Latin American diplomats at Morgan seminar

Morgan State College students attending an Evening Seminar conducted by Mrs. Evelyn C. Hightower, a public school vice principal, heard lectures by major Latin American authorities.

The present seminar on "The Georgraphy of Latin America — Social, Economic and Political," features a series of lectures by diplomats and government officials of various Latin American countries.

Among those heard by student attending the seminar, which meets three nights a week, were:

Enrique Tejera-Paris, ambassador of Venezuela; James S. Bradshaw, deputy director, public affairs, Bureau of Latin American Affairs, an agency for international development; and Sergio Guarisch Bath, second secretary and head of the International Affairs office; Embassy of Brazil.

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MOST RECENT of the distinguished authorities was Sir Neville N. Ashenheim, ambassador of Jamaica; Jose A. Correa, Ambassador of Ecuador; Enrique Guzman, second secretary Embassy of Chile; and Jorge Berguno, Cultural Attache, of Chile.

Mrs. Hightower, the seminar directoress, is the vice principal of the Cherry Hill Junior High School.

Dr. Mason will address seminar

Dr. William B. Mason, 1810 Clifton Ave., presidding minister of the Baltimore Lafayette Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, has been named one of the speakers on the program for the three - day religious seminar to be held at Gwynn Oak Park, the week - end of Dec. 27-29.

Dr. Mason, a Baltimore dentist, will open the Saturday night session.

Dr. Mason maintains a dental practice furing normal office hours and devotes his evenings and week-ends in the witness ministry. He graduated from Howard University in the class of 1924.

Porters OK pact; planned strike off

WASHINGTON

The sleeping car porters and railroads came to terms Wednesday, forestalling a strike that had been threatened for midnight the next day.

Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz announced the settlement Tuesday night between A. Philip Randolph, president of the AFL-CIO Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, J. E. Wolfe, chief negotiator for the carriers.

The month-long dispute involved some 4,000 porters who work for the Pullman Car Co., owned by 53 railroad, and several other lines with their own sleeping cars.

Wirtz said that among the provisions in the agreement were these:

A GRADUAL reduction in the work month from the current 205 hours to 173 hours beginning July, 1965.

A rise in hourly wages from $2.09 to $2.53. The increase will be partially retroactive to February 1, 1962.

Assurance of seniority privileges and employment priority when Pullman Company facilities are taken over by railroad companies.

A Presidential emergency board recommended Nov. 2 that porters' work month be reduced gradually to 180 hours. The porters had been seeking a 173-hour work month.

Under the agreement, the work month will be reduced to 195 hours January 1; 185 on July 1, 1964; 180 on January 1, 1965, and finally to 173 hours on July 1, 1965.

Student leader Pacifist speaker

David McReynolds, who organized the February, 1962 project which brought 8,000 students to Washington in the largest student demonstration in the capital's history, spoke Wednesday on "Civil Rights through Nonviolence."

He spoke at a public meeting at the Washington Fellowship House sponsored by the Washington Pacifist Fellowship.

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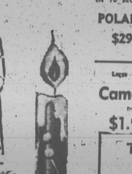
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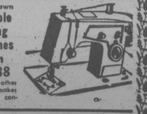

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