Courts getting Tough On Anyone Arrested With Pistol Or Knife

By WILBUR PINDER

There is growing evidence in both the Municipal and Criminal Courts that gun and knife carriers are in for rough treatment.

The courts' tough attitude comes at a time when tragedies have been occuring often with pistols or knives being employed.

Citizens are expressing grave concern.

"The tragic death recently of Patrolman Bafford was horrifying and senseless," wrote Mrs. Marion Campbell, of the 3600 block of Rogers Ave.

Patrolman Teddy L. Bafford was slain two weeks ago while investigating a shooting at Reisterstown Rd. near Liberty Heights Ave.

"What disturbs me most is the fact that the alleged perpetrator of the crime was just a boy of 16 years," she said.

"For the love of heaven, what was this child doing with a gun in the first place?"

Mrs. Campbell wrote, "I certainly believe that something should and must be done regarding laws controlling the sale of firearms."

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IN CRIMINAL Court Part IV. Tuesday, Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast sentenced Gilbert L. Artis, 22, 2000 block Westwood Ave., to a MORE on 7-90 year on a deadly weapon charge.

Although the judge suspended the sentence, he ordered the defendant to pay a fine of $100.

The defendant's testi-testimony revealed:

1. He purchased a 32-caliber automatic revolver at a sporting goods store in Baltimore County.

2. The salesman assured him that he would see that the gun was properly registered.

3. He had not obtained a police department permit to carry the weapon.

Judge Prendergast said he had no difficulty in finding the defendant guilty.

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IN ANOTHER case, Judge Robert I. H. Hammerman in Western Municipal Court, declared prior to sentencing Louis Simmons, 2100 block Herbert St., 16 six months in the House of Correction for carrying a revolver:

"The finger gets itchy. Two people were killed by guns in public places Friday night (Oct. 23)."

Simmons told the court that he was carrying his .45 cal. revolver "Just to scare some boys."

However, Judge Hammerman ruled, "It's unlawful to use a gun to scare anyone, whether it is loaded or unloaded, fake or real."

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THE BALTIMORE City Code regarding the sale and use of firearms provides:

1. A record be kept by dealers selling pistols, showing the date of sale, the caliber, make, model and manufacturer's number and the name and address of purchaser.

2. **No person who has been convicted in this state or elsewhere for a crime of violence shall own a pistol or have one in his possession or under his control.**

3. No person shall carry a pistol in any vehicle or concealed on or about his person, except in his place of abode or fixed place of business.

4. No seller, transferrer or donor shall deliver a pistol to a purchaser, transferree or donee without a written order signed by the Police Commissioner.

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PERSONS, other than police or law enforcement officers, permitted under certain restrictions, to carry firearms are authorized members of the National Guard or a organized reserve unit.

The code provides that a person having "reasonable cause" to believe it necessary to carry a pistol as a precaution against apprehended danger, are permitted to carry a firearm only by the approval of the police department.

The permit issued by the police department under such circumstances is good for only a month, and the applicant must be 21 years of age or older.

Such permits are not to be issued to drug addicts, alcoholics or persons of unsound mind.

Any person convicted of violating the code can be fined not more than $500 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

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THE LAW provides, concerning concealed weapons:

"Every person who shall wear or carry any pistol, dirk knife, bowie knife, sling shot, billy club, metal knuckles, razor or other dangerous or deadly weapon of any kind whatsoever, concealed upon or about his person, shall be guilty of misdemeanor."

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LONG-AWAITED SCHOOL REPORT — Dr. Robert C. Lloyd, administrative assistant to Dr. George Brain, city school superintendent, heaved a sigh of relief as the mammoth three-volume study of the Citizens School Advisory Committee on schools was set for distribution next week. Dr. Lloyd was Department of Education co-ordinator for this project begun two years ago involving some 1500 community leaders and educators. The 530-page study's recommendations will have wide-sweeping effect on the future direction of public education in Baltimore.

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Witness threatened, two given jail terms

Two youths were sentenced Tuesday to 90 days in the city jail for threatening bodily harm to a 16-year-old complainant in an assault and robbery case, if he testified in court.

John Goodie, 20, 1700 block Fayette St., and Melvin English, 16, 1600 block Fayette St., were sentenced by Judge Robert I. H. Hammerman, in Western Municipal Court.

Testimony revealed that on Monday the young complaintant, whose name is being withheld, failed to appear at a hearing for his alleged assailants, who he said robbed him of $1.

Judge Hammerman ordered police to bring the witness in, and postponed the hearing for several hours.

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When the youth appeared after he was located by the police he told the court he did not want to testify because he had been threatened.

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James Struill, 16, 200 block Monroe St., and James Harrison, 18, 1600 block Fayette St., accused of the assault and robbery, were then brought back in court for a preliminary hearing.

However, Judge Hammerman found the state had no prima facie case against Spruill, and dismissed him. Harrison was held for action of the grand jury under $7,5000.

Judge Hammerman then ordered warrants issued for the arrest of the two youths who threatened the complainant.

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"I MET them on the street and they told me if I didn't drop the charges they were going to kill me," the complaining witness testified Tuesday.

Denying the charge, Goodie declared: "I've known this boy (the witness) a long time and he knows I wouldn't do anything to hurt him.

"All I did was call him. I said 'Hey, Charlie', and he crossed the street and I told him he knew Spruill and Harrison hadn't bothered him."

He said, "I told him, 'why don't you drop the charges man' and that was all."

Judge Hammerman asked the defendant, "How did you know they didn't rob him?"

"I just knew," Goodie replied, "If they did it, they would have told me."

JUDGE HAMMERMAN before sentencing both defendants, said: "I'm finding you both guilty. Whether you intended to carry out your threat, I don't know.

"The question is this boy was put in fear and as a result he did not appear at the first hearing. He was afraid to come and testify he had with you."

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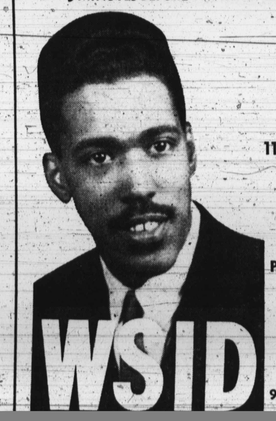

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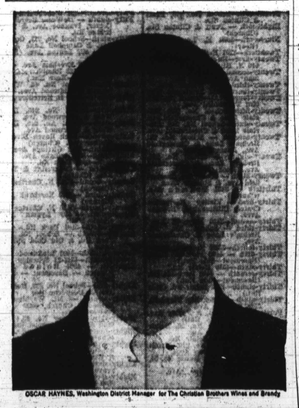

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Women voters warn on 'anonymous' literature

The League of Women Voters of Baltimore has issued a warning to the public to beware of anonymous campaign literature attacking national and local candidates.

The League states that quantities of such material is being widely distributed through the mails and door-to-door in some areas of the city.

Citizens are reminded that anonymous campaign literature violates both national and state laws.

Both laws prohibit the willful publication and distribution of campaign literature which does not carry the names of those responsible for its publication.

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SEVERE penalties are provided for violations of election laws.

Mrs. Christopher Gray, vice-president of the League, warns: "The first questions to ask yourself when viewing campaign literature are: Who wrote it and who published it?

"Are the charges in the material documented? What proof is given and what is the source? These are questions that need to be asked."

Some other cautions offered are: If you hear a vicious rumor - ignore it. Demand proof before you believe damaging charges. Beware of incriminating photos which may be photographic tricks. Be wary of partial quotations and obsolete quotations.

"Smear campaigns are rarely the work of responsible political parties; they re the work of the lunatic fringe, the hatemongers, the irresponsible.

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Democrats seek more volunteers

Volunteer telephoners have rounded up nearly 300 block captains in the stepped-up telephone campaign going on now at Citywide Democratic Headquarters.

Mrs. Victorine Adams, director, estimates that over 1,000 block captains will be recruited by phone by the end of this week, with others being contacted by churches and clubs. The total goal is 10 workers per precinct for the 183 precincts covered by the headquarters in the voter registration drive.

Ten telephones have been installed, to keep a crew of phoners working steadily whenever they come in, Mrs. Adams said.

"We need vounteers to come in and help, any time, even if only for an hour or two," Mrs. Adams said. In addition to telephoning, hundreds of kits are being packed and sent out to block workers, she added.

Test looms on union memberships

The Community Relations Commission has voted to ask the city solicitor to institute court action against Photo Engravers Union Local No. 2 on grounds the union refused to admit colored members.

On August 14, the Commission ordered the union to admit Tazewell M. and William A. Lewis. The two brothers had applied for membership in the union in April and were not accepted.

The Lewis brothers then brought a complaint of discrimination against Local No. 2 of the International Photo Engravers Union charging that they were barred from membership because of their race.

A tribunal of three commission members conducted a public hearing on the charge of discrimination. On August 6 the tribunal rendered the decision that the union cease and desist from the unlawful practices found to exist of discriminating against applicants for membership in Respondent Union and that they accept the Complainants as full members.

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THE PRESIDENT of the Baltimore local said the membership voted against accepting the Lewis brothers on Oct. 6.

As a result of this action, the commission decided to certify the matter of the City Law Department in order to secure compliance with

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One girl among 104 boys not phased by the odds

"There are hardly any women in this field. Everyone told me it would be difficult."

She doesn't look like an engineer, but pretty Miss Irma Reeder talked knowingly of math, physics, circuits, transistors and vacuum tubes in explaining the reasons for her aspirations in the field of electronics.

The determined 16-year-old is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reeder, 528 W. Biddle St., and is enrolled in her second year of the Industrial Electronics course at Carver Senior High School.

The only girl among 104 boys included in the technical course, she told of how she first became interested in engineering:

"When I was in ninth grade, I read an article in a magazine about a woman engineer. She said that she was the only woman in her field and that it was difficult for women to break into this work.

"Right then I decided that's what I wanted to be. Later I read other articles and became more interested in engineering."

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SHE RECALLED that at this point, most people told her that Carver would not accept a girl in electronics.

Determination paid off for the young girl, however; on the basis of her junior high school marks in math and science. Carver enrolled her last year in its new, government-sponsored Industrial Electronics class.

Not only is she the only girl in the class, but she will also be a member of the first class to graduate (in 1966) under the new government program.

How unusual is it for a girl to be enrolled in an all-male course as complicated as electronics?

Dr. Saul M. Perdue, principal is the stiffest course we have pal of Carver, stated that it is very difficult indeed. "This here."

"We don't let everyone into it," he added.

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ASKED WHAT areas she would like to work in after her graduation, the energetic Miss Reeder rattled off a number of occupations including technician and technical writer, and added as an after thought, "Perhaps I'd like to try the Air Force."

If she can gain a scholarship to college, she commented that what she would really like to do would be to go to an engineering school and become a full-fledged woman electronics engineer.

As one of a family of six children—four girls and two boys—she is used to the girls outnumbering the boys and laughed when asked if she was ever kidded by any of the 104 boys about her presence in their classes.

"They used to kid me last year," she replied, "but this year they haven't."

The aspiring engineer listed her class schedule—heavy in math and science courses—as follows: geometry, physics, English, technical drawing and electronics laboratory. Her technical laboratory classes alternate days with her academic classes.

And how is she doing as one woman among 104 men?

"I had a B average last year," she reported and noted proudly, "though I did get an A for the third quarter."

Going her one better, Dr. Perdue stated that "she is one of our very best students."

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NOT BAD for a girl who picked the most difficult field she could find, because "everyone told me it would be difficult."

If her record for doing the impossible continues, we predict she will earn the college scholarship and reach her goal to become: Miss Irma Reeder, girl engineer (or maybe an Air Force pilot).

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