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Fire Victim Found Dead In Bathtub

Dr. Forte's abortion case testimony in

Testifying this week in an abortion and manslaughter case, a tearful steelworker admitted paying out $100 and ending up with his sweetheart of two years dead.

He also testified to disposing of the body of a prematurely born baby after its induced birth in a second floor apartment in the 1500 block Carswell St. last January.

The allegations made under oath came during the Wednesday hearing for Dr. Alan U. Forte, 74, 3200 block Dorchester Rd. who is charged with manslaughter and abortion.

Judge Meyer Cardin who presided at the trial will hear final argument early next week by defense attorney, former Senator Harry A. Cole, and William Faby, prosecutor.

Testimony from all witnesses was concluded late Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Forte did not testify.

The nurses aide who was pronounced dead by Dr. Werner Spitz of the Medical Examiner's Office at 8 a.m. Jan. 28, was Miss Alma Brown, 33, 1500 block Carswell St.

Dr. Spitz testified of blood poisoning associated with incomplete child birth. He told the court his findings showed delivery had taken place after interference.

The steelworker whose testimony followed that of Dr. Spitz is John Elwood Blackwell, 1200 block E. North Ave.

Mr. Blackwell said prior to the death of Miss Brown, the two of them shared the Carswell St. apartment as man and wife.

He told the court he introduced Miss Brown as "Mrs. Blackwell" to Dr. Forte a few days before as the physician arrived with a small hand-made cloth bag.

He said before the doctor and Miss Brown went into the bedroom alone, articles from the bag were washed in hot water in the bathroom.

During a period of about seven minutes, Mr. Blackwell told the court he and a friend, Ceclephus Eason, a barber, sat together in the apartment kitchen and "had a shot or two" of whiskey.

He stated, "The purpose of the visit was to void the pregnancy."

He stated the doctor left pills for pain and hemorrhage, capsules about ¼ inches long, "white and pink pills."

At this point Mr. Blackwell revealed he had given Mr. Eason $100 to give the doctor.

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THE EVENING before Miss Brown died, Mr. Blackwell testified, the doctor returned, went in the bedroom and, rushing back out reported the woman had fainted.

Mr. Blackwell stated, "He said she had passed out from the medicine that was too strong."

Mr. Blackwell testified he remained with Miss Brown through the night and early the morning of Jan. 28, the day she died, was aroused by her moaning.

ASKED IF he could identify photographs of the deceased woman taken by police photographers as she lay on the living room floor, Mr. Blackwell stated, wiping the tears from his eyes, "No!

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STOKELY CARMICHAEL

Carmichael to appear here on Jan. 16

Controversial Stokely Carmichael, head of the Student Non - Violent Coordinating Committee and Black Power advocate, will speak here twice on Monday, Jan. 16.

His first appearance will be for students at Morgan State College where a scheduled talk for last fall stirred a lot of comment that ended with Carmichael not coming.

He now is to talk to the students in Murphy Auditorium at 3 p.m. under sponsorship of an organization called DISSENT, led by Archie Stith.

At 8 p.m. Jan. 16, Mr. Carmichael will speak in East Baltimore at the Community House, Valley and Eager Sts. sponsored by U-JOIN.

U-JOIN's Walter Lively said this week that the East Baltimore appearance by Carmichael will be open to the public without charge.

"We feel it is significant that Mr. Carmichael is speaking in the neighborhood. It will give the man in the street an opportunity to hear one of the nation's major young leaders and question him on his opinions," Mr. Lively said.

He added that this is the first of a series of civil rights leaders who will be brought to Baltimore by U-JOIN.

U-JOIN, a civil rights group which organizes at the community level and has concentrated mostly in East Baltimore, started trying to arrange for an appearance here by Carmichael shortly after the first planned visit to Morgan fizzled out.

D.C. okays teen curfew

The six-year-old District of Columbia "curfew" law is in fact not a law but an anti-loitering police regulation aimed specifically at juveniles.

Nonetheless it has been effective in helping to reduce crime among gangs, according to Deputy Chief of Police John F. Ryan, who is commander of Washington's Youth Division.

"We don't have all these kids hanging on the street like we used to have," Officer Ryan declared. He added that the anti-loitering law as it is called, also has enabled the Police Department to control the gang problem.

Baltimore City Council president Tommy D'Alesandro, is working hard for passage of a similar curfew or night loitering law in the Monumental City.

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THE DISTRICT of Columbia regulation, issued August 1, 1960 by the then Chief of Police Robert V. Murray, in a general order to the District

—See Teen Curfew, Page 2

SYLVESTER CHERRY

McKINLEY WATSON

Rites for boys killed by train

Funeral services for the two young boys who were killed by a southbound passenger train Monday will be held today (Friday) and Saturday.

For McKinley Watson Jr., 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Watson Sr., 1620 N. Regester St., services were scheduled at 10 a.m. today at the Elliott Funeral Home. Interment is at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

His young playmate, Sylvester Cherry, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Cherry, 1610 N. Regester St., will be buried Saturday after services at the Knight Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Burial will also be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

The youths were killed on the tracks near the Broadway overpass at Hoffman St.

Meeting for Powell is this Sunday

WASHINGTON

Demonstrations are being planned for Sunday in support of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell who is threatened by the possible loss of his seat in Congress.

Julius Hobson, chairman of Washington ACT, said six bus loads of demonstrators from New York and New Jersey are expected to arrive in the nation's capital to picket at the Washington Hotel at 5 p.m.

He stated Speaker of the House John W. McCormick has been sent a telegram protesting the move against Powell and the pickets plan to sit-in at the hotel where McCormick lives.

Because the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights has not publicly taken a stand on the Rep. Adam Clayton Powell issue, it was picketed, Thursday.

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A HAND full of representatives of the United American Appeal and the League for Universal Justice and

—See Sit-in For Powell, Page 2

MRS. GEORGIA H. REEDER

Free officer in slur case

A five - man panel of high-ranking police officials yesterday found Patrolman Leroy A. Phillips not guilty of all charges stemming from the November arrest of two women in which he was accused of using racial epithets.

The decision came Thursday afternoon, the second day of the departmental hearing which was touched off by a newspaper account of the arrest.

The hearing included two reporters' testimony that the patrolman used the word "n. . . r" and his attorney's defense of the term as an acceptable one in the English language.

Attorney Alan Murrell defended the term — which he was trying to show his client did not use — as being valid, since it is contained in Webster's Dictionary.

He cited its meaning as "a member of any dark-skinned race," but did not point out that most Webster's add the phrase, "unually taken to be offensive."

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MR. MURRELL'S tactics brought forth a scathing letter from State Senator Verda F. Welcome, who wondered whether the lawyer, "or any person, if the shoe is on his foot, would like to be referred to in a derogatory manner, which. . .as in the case of 'n. . .r,' grew out of the most base instinct of the human being — Hate."

She asserted that "if the Police Department accepted the thesis which Mr. Murrell advocates — using racial and national epithets at will, they would be inviting the end of a growing healthy police - community relationship."

"Mr. Alan Murrell has done our city a grave disservice by insulting its more than one - third population," she concluded. "His actions in the courtroom are to be condemned."

Tactical Squad Officer Phillips testified at the second day of the hearing that he did not use the epithet.

Three fellow officers agreed with his statement.

—See Policeman, Page 21

Autopsy to determine death cause

By ROGER J. NISSLY

Crying "God help me," shouting and moaning, a 58-year-old Harlem Ave. woman, who lived alone, succumbed to burns that have ravaged her body in her apartment, apparently sometime the morning of New Year's Day.

Her cries went unnoticed by relatives and neighbors, who were accustomed to the woman's playing the radio and singing loudly along with it.

Two days later, disturbed by her absence, the family gained entrance to her second - floor apartment in the 1000 block of Harlem Ave. and found the severely burned body of Mrs. Georgia Henderson Reeder partially submerged in a bathtub.

She was pronounced dead at the scene by an ambulance crew at 7:58 p.m. on Tuesday.

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WESTERN DISTRICT police said a trail of charred clothing led from a chair in the bedroom through the apartment to the bathroom where the body was found.

Police said all the clothing had been torn off the body, which had severe burns over its entire surface.

Mrs. Reaver Paige, who lives on the third floor apartment above Mrs. Reeder's, told the police that on Sunday, Jan. 1, she heard the victim hollering and moaning, saying, "God help me," and similar words.

Mrs. Paige said that her neighbor often shouted and prayed, and so she thought nothing of it.

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LIKEWISE, Mrs. Reeder's sister, Mrs. Martha Smith, who lives next door, recalls her sister's "playing the radio and singing along with it. You could hear her in our house."

Mrs. Smith had gone out of her house early Sunday morning, but remembers her sister-in-law, who was visiting, described sounds similar to those Mrs. Paige heard.

The sister-in-law also heard water running in the bathroom of the opposite house about the same time, 9:30 in the morning, Mrs. Smith said.

Later she became disturbed when her sister did not make her usual daily visits Monday and Tuesday, and the family entered the apartment to find the body.

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MRS. SMITH remembered that she had often told her sister that "I wouldn't live by myself. But, she liked it that way."

She also recalled that her

—See Fire Victim, Page 25

Miss Leontyne Price to comment on pickets

World famed soprano Leontyne Price soon will issue a statement in connection with the planned demonstrations against the Baltimore Symphony's president during her scheduled Lyric Theatre appearance Jan. 11.

At the same time the civil rights groups backing the campaign against symphony president Joseph Meyerhoff, a major builder here, added Gov.-elect Ted Agnew's inaugural ball to their target lists.

"Educational demonstrations" now have been scheduled for Baltimore Symphony appearances at the Lyric on Jan. 7 and Jan. 11 and at the Fifth Regiment Armory for the inaugural ball Jan. 27.

The integrated symphony will play for the first part of the inaugural event.

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SPONSORS of the demonstrations have repeatedly said they are aimed only at Mr. Meyerhoff as symphony president and not at the symphony, Miss Price or Mr. Agnew.

The sponsors are ACTIVISTS for Fair Housing, Baltimore County League for Human Rights and Baltimore CORE.

They have prepared leaflets to pass out calling on citizens to request that Mr. Meyerhoff end racial segregation in his housing developments or leave the symphony presidency.

MISS LEONTYNE PRICE

In a press statement the groups said, "It is the united concern of a number of civil rights organizations that the city itself, civic, religious, educational and social organizations stop bestowing honors upon men who refuse to recognize the human dignity, equality and rights of first class citizenship of all men.

"One should not be able to 'buy' such honors."

Miss Price was sent a letter explaining that the protest was not aimed at her and expressing regret the step might mar her visit.

Miss Price's office expressed concern at learning there would be demonstrations when she appears in Baltimore.

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MISS PRICE, recipient of the most coveted honor in the history of music (the premiere performance of the role of Cleopatra at the opening night of the new Metropolitan Opera House Sept. 16, 1966) after appearances on the Bell Telephone Hour, Jan. 1; as guest soloist at the Metropolitan Opera Guild's Annual Luncheon, Jan. 9; with the Baltimore Symphony, Jan. 11; will fly to Milan for two performances of Verdo's Requiem with Herbert von Karajan at La Scala.

The first (January 16) will be in memory of Arturo

—See Miss Price, Page 2

BIG CONTEST READY:

Jet trips abroad for top teachers

The sun, fun and romance of Easter in Puerto Rico, seven days and six night of it, await the top two winners in the AFRO's 'My Favorite Teacher Contest of 1967.'

It's a bigger and better game this year, because in addition to round trip fare and hotel accommodations, first place winner gets $100 cash and second placer $50 to help make it a memorable holiday.

The transportation is a jet liner that puts the Favorite Teachers on the tourist-famed tropical island just hours after take-off time.

Headquarters in Puerto Rico is the fabulous Americanna Hotel in the heart of San Juan's fashionable and elegant "Gold Coast."

Third place prize in the third annual edition of the popular contest is $100 cash.

Fourth place winner collects $50 and the next 10 teachers will get $10 cash each.

The contest game to select, by popular vote, your favorite teacher, begins in the issue of Jan. 14 with the nominating ballot on Page 2.

Nominating ballots will run in Tuesday and Friday editions until the issue dated Feb. 7.

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EVERY classroom teacher in public and private schools is eligible to compete in the nomination phase of the AFRO contest.

Final ballot runs from Feb. 14 through March 18 and in this stage of the contest the top teacher in each contesting school will be up against the highest vote getter in the other schools.

Each coupon in the AFRO will be worth 100 votes and any teacher can be nominated by sending in just one coupon.

Detailed rules covering the contest will appear in each issue throughout the life of the contest.

We're just days away from the beginning of this thrilling race with its high stakes.

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TEACHERS and friends who intend to support favorites in the contest might want to take a tip from the bigtime politicians like Michigan's George Romney who intends to run for President.

They're out organizing now, getting their forces ready for the run.

The hotel reservations are made, the jet tickets purchased. All the AFRO needs are the names of the big winners. Who will it be this year?

Congressional nepotism high

WASHINGTON

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones, especially hypocritical ones.

The loud charges of nepotism and unethical conduct levied against Congressman Adam Clayton Powell by his fellow white legislators show an unparalleded political and moral hypocrisy.

There seems to be a double standard of morality, one for white congressmen and another for colored congressmen. Example They abound in so great a number that little more than a small sampling can be given.

In 1959, it was revealed that the then Rep. H. Carl Anderson (R.-Minn.) was pay-

—See Nepotism High, Page 2

Ministers hit Supreme Bench

The Interdenominational Ministers Alliance Thursday issued a scathing Position Paper on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore.

It was sharply critical of the racial make-up of the courthouse that dispenses justice here, including the fact there is but one colored judge of 16 and relatively few other colored employees.

The ministers sharply criticized the judges for failing to reappoint Joseph Howard as an assistant state's attorney because he said there was dual standards of justice in rape cases.

In addition, the ministers

—See Ministers Hit, Page 25

CBS to feature Senator Brooke

CBS Radio will present a CBS News special, "Mr. Brooke Goes to Washington," Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7:35 - 8 p.m., EST, recreating Senator Elect Edward W. Brooke's first day as United States Senator. CBS News Correspondent Charles Kuralt will anchor.

National NAACP puts city in 10,000 class

The National Board of Directors, meeting Tuesday, listed Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit among its branches with 10,000 members.

Walter Reuther, Detroit; Carl Murphy, Arthur Spingarn and Bishop Stephen Spottswood were among the national leaders reelected to the Board.

Roy Wilkins was unanimously reelected Executive Director.

Michael Mitchell of Baltimore, chairman of the National Youth Work Committee, was elected by the Youth Councils to be the youth representative on the Board.

Continuing to grow in this era which has many national civil rights organizations, the NAACP reported 1,800 branches, 441,139 members, and income of $1,408,358.

Other Board members reelected by the branches-at-large were Judge Hubert Delaney, New York; Mrs. Daisy Bates, Little Rock, Ark.; and Dr. H. Claude Hudson of Los Angeles.

Board members chosen by the branches: Atty. Matthew Perry of Columbia, S.C.; C. R. Darden, Meridian, Miss.; William Oliver, FEPC director of the United Auto Workers, Detroit, Mich.; Msg. Archibald McLees, St. Albans, N.Y.; and Mrs. Irene Smith, New Jersey State Conference of Branches, president.

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IN A contest in Region 7 for regional representatives to the Board, Samuel Tucker, Virginia attorney, defeated Carl Moultrie, president of the Washington Branch NAACP, by a vote of 123 to 26.

Other regional representatives elected were:

Region 1, Judge Joseph G. Kennedy, San Francisco, Calif.; Region 2, Dr. Eugene T. Reed, Amityville, N.Y.; Region 3, Dr. L. H. Holman, Joliet, Ill.; Region 4, Dr. Charles Roquemore, Wellington, Kan.; Region 5, Jesse H. Turner, Memphis, Tenn.;

—See NAACP puts, Page 25

MYSTERY: INMATE MISSING

Did Jerry Lee Parker meet with foul play?

Where is Jerry Lee Parker? Has the 29 - year - old inmate who escaped from the Maryland Penitentiary the day before Thanksgiving met with foul play?

Why would Parker run away when he was due for a parole hearing on Dec. 6, and chances of winning his freedom were 'good?'

These questions remained unanswered today (Friday), as the whereabouts and fate of the missing inmate remained a mystery.

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PENITENTIARY officials confirmed that Parker who had served seven years of a 20 - year term for robbery with deadly weapon, escaped from a minimum security job in the Department of Correction outside the prison.

One official said, 'we have notified the police and there is a warrant out for him. Sometimes men in minimum security become friendly with women in the area but they come back.

'In Jerry's case, we had no other recourse but to get the warrant. He hasn't returned'

The spokesman declined to comment on reports reaching the AFRO that Parker had met with foul play, although he did allow the case was peculiar since Parker 'had a good chance of making parole . . . he had quite a bit going for him . . . the fact that he was in a minimum security job was proof he could be trusted . . . I just don't know . . .'

Deny officer resigning delays 'warrant' trial

The State's Attorney's office denied this week that the "Beau Jack" lottery hearings have been removed from the trial docket because of the resignation of a police officer, one of the star prosecuting witnesses.

The trial had been scheduled for today, Friday.

However, Frank A. DeCosta, special prosecutor for the lottery violations stemming from the June raids in the 1500 block Pennsylvania Ave., said no new date has been set.

The hearing will come after a trial for another defendant, Eric Simon, taken in the same raid, he told the AFRO.

The "Beau Jack" trials on charges of lottery law violations include defendants James (Beau Jack) Jackson, Gladson (Mule) Bond, John Carter and Alphonso Higdon.

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