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Racial-Slur Gunman Found Guilty

'GLAD TO SEE YOU'

AFRO's Davis visits Viet wounded

By MIKE DAVIS
(AFRO Correspondent In South Vietnam)

HONOLULU—Pfc. William E. Britt didn't remember what happened after the first shells slammed into his barracks.

"We had turned in about midnight and the next thing I knew the alarm had sounded and the fragments started falling in on us," he said.

43 INJURED

Pfc. Britt, 22, a native of Como, N. C., was one of 43 injured in a predawn Viet Cong attack near Pli Cou.

I went to his bedside at Tripler General Hospital here Wednesday morning and talked with him.

FLAT ON BACK

He was lying flat on his back wearing the familiar blue pajamas of U.S. Military hospitals.

His stomach had been torn open and both legs were bandaged where army doctors had begun the tedious job of picking shrapnel from his flesh.

In spite of the pain, he was cheerful and he talked freely with this reporter.

Asked if he wanted to return to action after his release from Tripler, Britt said, "Man let me tell you one thing. That ain't no place for nobody to be over there."

Britt is the son of Mrs. Jennie Britt of 1412 N. Road, Suffolk, Va.

D.C. YOUTH

I walked down the hall of Ward 13 and met Lovell H. Greene, a native of Washington, D.C.

Pfc. Greene had his left leg in a large cast that almost reached his hip.

"You know what," he said, after I told him I was from the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, "I am really glad to see you."

He told me he was a truck driver in Vietnam and that his leg was shattered when a tire on his truck exploded.

"It hurts all the time," he said. "But I think it's getting better."

'DOING FINE'

He is the son of Mrs. Ida C. Greene of 814 Eighth St., Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of the Payne Elementary School and of Dunbar High School.

He had just arrived at the hospital after the 13-hour jet flight from Saigon.

He asked me to get in touch with his mother and tell her that "I am doing fine."

VIET INJURED

As you walk through the hospital, which is situated on one of the Hawaii mountains, you see a number of injured, some critical, who have been brought here from Vietnam.

Built in 1941, the hospital, handles all military cases from the Pacific.

PEARL HARBOR

From the top of the building, situated on a 366-acre site, you can see Pearl Harbor and the sunken battleship, Arizona.

Most of the men were cheerful, "Glad," as

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VIET-BOUND — AFRO Correspondent Mike Davis, found a story minutes after he began his trip to Vietnam. He met Marine Lance Cpl. Charles Jones, 22-year-old Baltimorean also bound for Vietnam.

Council can still pass Parks bill

By MAX JOHNSON

While the City Council has failed to reconsider the public accommodations ordinance in two sessions since rejecting it Monday evening, there still remains hope for its passage.

The Council meets at 2 p.m. today (Friday) and again at 5 p.m. Monday in a final session prior to summer recess.

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin expressed hopes for the measure prior to both the Wednesday and Thursday evening sessions, but nothing further materialized.

Councilman Henry G. Parks Jr. (4th D.), sponsor of the ordinance, had hopes too. Here is some of what he said on the matter Thursday evening:

"I believe the mayor is most sincere in trying to obtain reconsideration. I remind the mayor and the city that this matter should be reconsidered.

"I hope it can be done tomorrow."

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THE COUNCIL on Thursday did, however, give tentative approval to the city's coming budget, which came out of Councilman J. Joseph Curran's Budget and Finance

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D'Alesandro reneges on housing vote

By MOSES J. NEWSON
Assistant Managing Editor

City Council president Thomas D'Alesandro has reneged on his promise to bring up the open occupancy bill for a vote this term.

Just two weeks ago D'Alesandro told the AFRO the measure would be brought to a vote this session.

Earlier he had been against a Council test, giving as a reason the fact he did not feel there were sufficient votes to pass the bill.

However, the AFRO has maintained that it was important for voters to see where their councilmen stand on the issue going into this year's election.

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WITHOUT THE vote on fair housing, councilmen in the Second and Fifth Districts such as Clement J. Prucha and Rueben Caplan can claim they "may" have supported the measure when they go before the electorate.

D'Alesandro appeared to be using double standards in bringing up the public accommodations bill and not bringing up the open occupancy ordinance.

He knew before calling for the vote on Councilman Henry G. Parks' public accommodations amendment that he did not have the votes to pass it.

In exactly the same situation on the housing ordinance, D'Alesandro chose to hid behind the excuse he did hide behind the excuse he did not have enough votes to pass it.

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BOTH D'ALESANDRO and Councilman Parks turned the defeat of the amendment into emotional attacks on Mayor McKeldin's failure to produce for them the votes needed.

However, the biggest question many political observers were asking is why D'Alesandro and Parks depended on a promised vote

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Shooting of seven seen reckless act

By STERLING A. PAIGE

"We could have had a neighborhood battle. But for the swift action of the police, it could have been a terrible situation.

"If these people and their families had gone home for their guns and come back it could have been like Vietnam. Whites would have been shooting at colored and colored shooting at whites."

With these words, Judge Harry A. Cole found a 34-year-old white man guilty of nine separate charges growing out of a June 9 incident in which seven southwest residents were wounded by shotgun blasts.

In Southwestern Municipal Court Thursday, Judge Cole deferred sentencing Delbert T. McCoy, 500 block Scott St., pending a pre-sentence report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

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THE DEFENDANT remains free on bail and must return before Judge Cole for sentencing on July 12.

"This could have been a murder charge," Judge Cole told McCoy. "It was a reckless, wanton act."

During the near three-hour trial, the seven persons wounded by the shotgun pellets gave similar testimony of events leading up to the shotgun wielding.

Those testifying were John Roberson, 17; his sister, Diane, 19; James Jones, 33; Larnell Alsup, 16; James Harris, 15; John Jones, 15; and Melvin Gross, 20.

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ACCORDING TO Alsup, Harris, and John Jones, the three were walking in the 500 block Scott St.

As they passed the home of McCoy, he was seated on the steps with his wife.

The youths said McCoy challenged them with the question: "What are you guys walking in my block for?"

Alsup and the others said Mrs. McCoy tried to restrain her husband and suggested the boys go back the other way.

Alsup said he explained he had to go this way to get to his home, a few blocks away.

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THE YOUTHS told the court McCoy then balled his fist and threw a punch at

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AHMAD JAMAL

Anti-semitism jails Jamal

By Negro Press International

PARAMARIBO, Surinam — American jazz pianist Ahmad Jamal was reportedly arrested here last week on a charge of anti-semitism.

Australian police accused Jamal of reneging on a contract with a theatre of Jewish ownership. It was presumed that the refusal was based on the musician's Islamic beliefs. Jamal is a convert to Islam.

Provident gets $1,826,395 for inner-city care center

Provident Hospital has been designated as the agency to operate a comprehensive neighborhood health services program in the heart of a densely populated, low-income area in Northwest Baltimore.

The program was announced today by Sargent Shriver, a director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the national anti-poverty project.

An OEO community action program grant of $1,826,395, made to the Community Action Agency of Baltimore, will establish the program which will initially serve 12,000 members of the city's poverty population. The program will provide continuous and complete care, tailored to their medical, social, and emotional needs.

The CAA has delegated full authority and responsibility for the operation of the program to Provident.

The project director will be Dr. Richard A. Montgomery Jr., chief of Provident's Department of Surgery, 1960-1964, and currently a full-time surgical consultant for the Social Security Administration.

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WHEN THE health center is fully operational, it will serve a target population of approximately 28,000 medically indigent individuals.

The city Health Department will have a responsible position in program evaluation, coordination between the project and other health agencies, and general supervision of personnel it is assigning to the center.

A study of the area to be serviced indicates a high percentage of families whose income qualified them as medically indigent, and a marked lack of care for many of the residents in the area.

Through the health center, each resident will be assigned on a family basis, to a sufficient team for complete health care.

Each of these teams will consist of a physician, nurse, social worker, and two or

DR. R. A. MONTGOMERY

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AFRO's Davis meets Viet-bound Marine vet

By MIKE DAVIS

EN ROUTE TO VIETNAM —The tall, handsome youngster in a Marine uniform was in line behind me as I stood at American Air Lines counter in Baltimore's Friendship Airport on Monday.

Like me, he was waiting to confirm his reservation which would take him to California and then to his new assignment in Vietnam.

His name: Lance Cpl. Charles Jones, age 22, of 1367 N. Gilmor St., Baltimore, where he lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones (Mary).

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ONE OF eight children, Cpl. Jones has two years service to his credit and hopes his tour of duty in Vietnam will be short.

He wants to complete his service to his country 'because it is my job. I think everybody should do his part,' he told me.

He expects to buy an engagement ring for his girl, whom he calls, 'Mad-e-leine,' and tie the knot, get a job as a visual arts artist with NASA and settle down.

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CPL. JONES stands five

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Denise Brandon 'Top Student'

The votes are in, the count has been completed, and now for the answer to the big question, "Who is Student of the Year for 1967"?

The winner on a total of 791,800 votes is Miss Denise Brandon, a student at Northern High School.

At the outset of the contest, the lead fluctuated between the different competitors.

However, on May 13 Miss Brandon assumed the lead and maintained it throughout the six remaining weeks of the contest.

As top winner, she will be awarded $500 of the total $1,500 in prize money.

This same honor was won last year by former Douglass High School student, Malvice

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Female 'in' look 'out' at prison; inmates mad

Some 200 inmates of the Maryland Correctional Center at Jessup are quite unhappy over a recent memorandum issued by prison authorities.

The edict states that female visitors to the camps, over 12 years of age, will not be permitted on camp grounds unless wearing what is called "proper attire."

Henceforth, the females will be barred if they wear bare midriff outfits, shorts, stretch slacks, backless outfits, or dresses more than two inches above the knees.

Inmates were asked to notify all females who are coming to visit them.

"There will be no deviation from this memorandum," read the notice, signed by Charles F. Parvis, assistant director of correctional camps.

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A HOWL was raised by inmates who drafted a letter to the AFRO with the request to "print this protest and defend the nature of the protest."

The letter said there are approximately 200 men who have constant visits from their mothers, sisters and other female relatives. (Wives were not mentioned.)

"Many of these women, like other women all over the world," the protest read, "wear short length skirts and dresses, and the officials

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Police officials hear complaints by citizens

"The temper of the people of this area is they would rather die on the streets fighting policemen than go to Vietnam and die."

That remark from Sen. Clarence Mitchell (D., 4th), directed to Baltimore police officials, created a stir of shouts and cheers from a near-200 crowd Tuesday night.

The meeting, held at the Pennsylvania Ave. headquarters of the Mitchell political organization, was an airing of charges of police brutality.

Majors Robert Franck and William (Box) Harris, Sgts. William Burkard and Albert Thomas, along with their police officers, were on hand to hear the complaints and present the police views on community relations.

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EARLY IN the meeting, Maj. Harris told the audience the department heads wanted to hear and investigate complaints against police officers.

"Don't pull any punches. Throw it at us," he said.

And no punches were pulled as numerous citizens arose to tell of recent incidents in which they alleged they were victims of police misdoings or witnessed unjust acts against others.

As graphic accounts were given, the crowd's attitude mounted to heights of anger that wiped out the degree of understanding that at first prevailed between them and

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