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Militant Nun Leaves Convent

Sudden death of Phil Taylor 'shock to city'

By BETTYE MOSS

"He was a wonderful person, kind-hearted, big-hearted . . . this is a real shock to the city . . . ."

A close friend was speaking to the AFRO, minutes after Philip Taylor, popular businessman, collapsed and died last night (Thursday).

Known as, "Mr. Generosity," the 55-year-old businessman was loved by persons in all walks of life because he shared his wealth with them and helped them with their problems.

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Western District police told the AFRO that they responded to a "sick person" call at Mr. Taylor's package goods store in the 1800 block of Mosher St. last night.

The police report indicated that Mr. Taylor was lying on the floor unconscious when police arrived.

An ambulance call was put in and Mr. Taylor was taken to Lutheran Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 8:25 p.m.

The police report also indicated that Mr. Taylor suffered from diabetes. Attendants at Lutheran Hospital said that Mr. Taylor died a "natural death."

J. Hiram Butler, a close friend and neighbor of Mr. Taylor in the Mohawk Ave. section where Mr. Taylor's home is a $100,000 showplace, was among those expressing a state of shock.

He told this reporter, "this is a shock to every body . . . he was just so high-hearted, such a nice person. He had been to the doctor's because he was a diabetic.

"Then he stopped by his package store at Mosher and Monroe to check."

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Mr. Taylor's philanthropies were numerous.

Friends recall that he regularly gave large boxes of food and clothes to the needy.

Every Christmas, he adopted dozens of needy families.

This Christmas, he selected them from the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Claus list.

He regularly sent ice cream to hospitals and nursing homes. Just this week he was in the process of making plans for Easter giving.

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Churches also benefitted from his generosities.

Last year he gave an organ to Wayland Baptist Church. Emmanuel Christian Community Church also benefitted from his gifts.

Born in Baltimore, Mr. Taylor was the son of Bernard Taylor, who for many years owned and operated produce stalls in Lafayette Market.

He was a graduate of

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PHILIP TAYLOR
AFRO morgue photo shows him with his familiar cigar

Fake Aretha draws 1,000 at $5.50 each

OCALA, Fla. — A down-and-out Petersburg, Va., songstress, who said she was forced to be Aretha Franklin, last week completely faked out a $5.50 per-head audience with a perfect put on.

Then when the jaw got wise to her game, she turned on her own unique brand of soul, and landed herself a calendar full of bookings as Vicki Jones.

According to local Prosecutor E. G. Musleh, Miss Jones launched her career as "Soul Sister No. 1" Jan. 18 [illegible] Jan. into a [illegible] Fort Myers, Fla., club.

"She was so good as Aretha that she drew a standing ovation. And even after they learned who she really was, nobody came up and asked for their money back. They were that satisfied," said Musleh, a self-proclaimed "Jimmie Dorsey man" who said he became turned on to Miss Jones' soul renditions.

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Musleh said his office became aware of the super

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LAVELL HARDY
Accused Faker

VICKI JONES
Aretha For A Day

ARETHA FRANKLIN
Real Soul Sister No. 1

Ex-officer hits county police force

By PETER J. KOPER

There are 254 officers in the Anne Arundel County Police Department. All of the policemen are white.

"There is bias, and a great deal of it in the Anne Arundel Police Department," states Norfleet A. Barnes, a former black officer who appeared before the Anne Arundel Co. Human Relations Commission to state his case this week.

The police department has become the subject of several investigations in light of charges brought by Mr. Barnes concerning discrimination in the department.

"It's not a big secert that blacks are not welcomed in the department. The Anne Arundel Police Department is the last place a black man could go for a job," the 27-year-old veteran of military police work stated.

Two other men have applied for positions as officers on the county force. One was not allowed to enter the police academy despite two years of work as a civilian in the radio room, and one was pressured to resign after serv-

According to Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barnes served with the department in the Identification Bureau for two and a half years before 1966 because of "frustration" at not being able to transfer to field work.

"I tried to receive satisfaction within the department to become a full-fledged policeman," Mr. Barnes says. "I began to grasp the atmosphere."

Mr. Barnes, who now owns a photography studio in Annapolis, said that after verbal requests and letters he realized "my efforts were in vain. I was rather frustrated with the situation."

The former police officer painted a grim picture of the all-white department before nine members of the Anne Arundel Human Relations Commission this week

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EAGLE SCOUT Lance A. Dorsey, Auchentoroly Terr., Baltimore, shown with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dorsey (Ophelia).

YOUTH ON THE MARCH:

Meet: Lance A. Dorsey, he is student, athlete, Eagle Scout

Lance A. Dorsey, 15, prospective track star and doctor, becomes an Eagle Scout Sunday, Feb. 2.

At a 3 p.m. ceremony at Ames Memorial United Methodist Church, he will receive the highest Boy Scout award.

To qualify for the Eagle rank, a Scout must earn 21 merit badges, each in a different topic of knowledge. Once qualified, the boy then has to do an Eagle Service project for one month.

Lance, who is an altar boy at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, did church work for his project.

"I helped paint the church and I started being a lay reader," he said. He has remained a lay reader even though his project is finished.

After the project, he was given an Eagle form asking for signatures from his neighbors, parents, school principal, and teachers indicating his "worthiness to become an Eagle Scout."

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"Then I went before a board of review and they asked me questions about scouting, about my badges and about current events," he added. The board consists of "three or four men who are high scouting executives."

The board decided that Lance should become an Eagle and be inducted on what happens to be the first day of Boy Scout Week.

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"Boy Scouts have helped me a great deal and I've tried to get others to join but the boys in my neighborhood aren't interested," Lance told the AFRO.

Once he quit the troop "because the other boys quit . . . They said they weren't interested anymore. They thought it was for sissies.

"But my father urged me to go back and I'm glad I did."

A student at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Lance is taking a college preparatory course, is interested in science and medicine and wants to enroll at Morgan State College.

Last spring, he travelled with the Baltimore City team to the Youth Games in St. Louis and won trophies in the 100-yard dash, the 220, the quarter mile, and the high jump.

His first place time in the 220 was 23 seconds flat. He ran the quarter mile in 53 seconds. Now he wants to be a long distance runner in the mile and two mile.

Baltimore won second place in the St. Louis meet; New York, the sponsoring city, was first; and Lance

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Sister Judith tells why she left Oblates

By AL RUTLEDGE

"I'm only certain of one thing, I'll be working for my people. I'll be involved in the task of bringing about equality for black people in this country.

"I'll be speaking out against the wrongs that are done my people, that's all that I can be sure of."

Miss Brenda Williams, until a week ago, known as Sister Judith, was talking to the AFRO from her home in Chicago.

She had been a member of the Oblate Sisters of Providence for the past three years.

The Oblate Sisters, the oldest order of colored nuns in America have their headquarters in Baltimore where they were founded in 1829 by a French priest who hoped to fill the need for educating colored children.

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During its 140-year history the Oblate order has been severely criticized for its "all black" policy, a point which Miss Williams referred to in discussing the events which led to her leaving the order.

"The Catholic Church," she said, "does not mention nor has it ever addressed itself to the black community," she said this time, not in criticism but in hopes that by doing so it could help to bring about realization that more must be done."

Ironically, she concluded, "I was labeled a militant."

Her close friend and co-worker, Sister Nathan Marie, a colored teacher at Notre Dame (a predominantly white order) said:

"Sister Judith was the kind of person who was not afraid to say what was on her mind. In the Catholic community it was felt that

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Minimum pay up 15¢

A minimum wage hike goes into effect tomorrow (Saturday) that includes expanded coverage under the law, per hourly rates and length of work week.

Laundries, state and local educational institutions, hospitals, nursing homes, hotels, motels, restaurants, small construction companies, retail businesses, and agriculture will be covered in the law.

Employees in these businesses will get a 15-cent increase in hourly wages from $1.15 to $1.30.

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"Another feature of this law is that all the new employees covered will go on a 40-hour work week. After that they will have to be paid time-and-a-half for each hour worked," stated Hillard Curland of the Federal wage-hour office in Baltimore.

The 40-hour work week provision reduces the old law from 42 hours. Overtime provisions do not apply to covered agricultural employees.

Mr. Curland noted that the minimum wage increase should give workers a $6-a-week increase in

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chuckle

In his cups one evening a heavy drinker and his companion boarded a crowded city bus, and handed the fare to the first man in uniform he saw. The man, definitely not amused, thundered, "Don't give this to me, I'm an admiral." Let's get out of this thing quick," the drinker urged his friend. "I don't know how it happened, but we've gotten on a battleship."

'FANTASTIC' STARVATION REPORTS DENIED:

AFRO finds Nigeria bitter at U.S. for bully tactics

By LILLIAN WIGGINS
AFRO Correspondent

LAGOS, Nigeria — The sale of eight Globemaster Strato-freighters made available last December to the International Red Cross and American volunteer agencies by the U.S. is being looked upon by many Nigerians as one of the reasons for the war with Biafra being prolonged.

This sale is viewed as added encouragement for the rebel regime to prolong the war, with the first instance of prolonging the conflict coming from the French government.

A spokesman for the government here said that there are documented instances of flying arms in these planes to the rebel-held territories.

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Edward O. Enahoro, deputy permanent secretary of the ministry of external affairs, termed this as an unfriendly act on the part of the U.S. government.

In explaining this he said for the U.S. to supply planes to a group operating outside Nigeria is encouraging the group to defy the legal government of Nigeria.

"As a developing country we don't have the means of stopping these flights and the U.S. knows this. In other words we feel that they, meaning the U.S., are bullying us," he told the AFRO.

"Thus we take this as an unfriendly act."

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The International Red Cross is split up into two teams, one working in Lagos and the other outside the country.

It is this second team which was working out of Fernando Po in Equatorial Guinea that the federal government suspects of smuggling arms on board the planes during its night flights.

The Guinea Government, though under great pressures, has stopped these flights.

Also causing considerable alarm are the church groups (which are part of

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Nixon asks more policemen and judges

WASHINGTON

The Nixon Administration is expected to ask today (Friday) for 1,900 to 2,000 more policemen for Washington, 10 to 15 more judges and bail reform, according to the No. 2-designate in the Justice Department.

Richard G. Kleindienst, former tactician for Sen. Barry M. Goldwater and recently appointed deputy attorney general, told newsmen outside a Senate hearing room that President Nixon would unveil his anti-crime package for the District of Columbia today.

Although Kleindienst did not divulge the recommendations, he said he thought the district's crime problem could be helped by up to 2,000 more policemen, up to 15 more judges, use of visiting judges, a program of preventive detention and strengthening of correctional institutions.

WILL HE OR WON'T HE?

Mr. Groundhog will have his big day - shadow too?

"There's a storm center moving east over the mountains and it might bring with it heavy snow, heavy rain, light rain, drizzle, or it might even die out before it gets across the mountains.

"At any rate you'd better take along a rain coat, overcoat, boots, umbrella and sunglasses just to make sure.

"There's a fifty per cent chance of rain and some clouds and overcast conditions, if you're driving don't drink, and if you're drinking, don't drive."

In these days of satellite weather forecasting and weathermen who don't want to make false predictions, often no one is quite sure what the weather will be and at best definite forecasting is a gambling man's game.

For those who want to be definite, however, there is still the faithless groundhog who will have his day Feb. 2.

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People who want to believe they know what the future holds have traditionally waited to see if the groundhog sees his shadow on Feb. 2.

It's quite simple. If he sees his shadow, he will be frightened back into his

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WOODCHUCK WEATHERMAN — "There's not a shadow in sight," the groundhog will probably say on his day, Feb. 2. Weather predictions are for partly cloudy weekend.

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