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Shocking Testimony In Pipe Case

Mandel hit for white cabinet

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ANNAPOLIS — Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd (4th Balto.) leveled a heated blast today (Friday) at Gov. Marvin Mandel, charging he is fostering racial discrimination in employment within his own Executive Department.

Taking the Senate floor on a point of personal privilege, the youthful black senator broke out in the open a bothersome situation in the reorganization of the Mandel Administration, well known but not publicly mentioned previously.

He accused Gov. Mandel of setting up lily-white Cabinet, and charged this is a "slap in the face of the 22 percent of our state population that is black."

Sen. Mitchell, beginning a second term in the upper chamber, is a nephew of Maryland's historic new black Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and comes from a family long leaders in the civil rights movement.

"Gov. Marvin Mandel is violating state law outlawing racial discrimination in employment and state contracts, and his own executive order of Dec. 10, 1970.

"His so called 'Code of

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Feb. 1st is deadline for AFRO Honor Roll names

That's right. AFRO readers may make nominations for this newspaper's annual Honor Roll. Deadline for nominations is Feb. 1, 1971.

Here is all you have to do. Write to AFRO Honor Roll, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203. In 150 words or less, tell why the person you nominate deserves the AFRO's highest honor.

The only criterion is service to the community without thought of personal gain. The man who delivers your mail, the mother of a brilliant student, an athlete who has excelled in spite of physical handicap, a minister who serves his church and the community, the hardworking

These are the kind the AFRO Honor Roll seeks to honor. Write your nomination today.

man who takes time to sponsor a boys' club and serve in other community endeavors .... humble, dedicated people.

'GLAD THEY GOT OUT'

Candle fire hits $40,000 home

"I'm so glad Jo and the kids got out safely.

"The 3-year-old was playing, he put his coat on the lighted candle, then put it under the sofa. The whole place was in flames in minutes . . ."

Thurston Graham, was telling the AFRO about the Sunday fire which gutted the first floor of the $40,000 home he and his family just occupied last September.

The two-story home is at 3504 Pinkney Rd. in northwest Baltimore.

Mr. Graham, who is staff assistant in the labor relations and equal opportunity division at Social Security at Woodlawn was not at ty at Woodlawn was at home at the time of the fire at 2 p.m.

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Mrs. Graham, Jo, an art teacher in Baltimore city elementary schools, suffered minor burns as she ran through the blazing house in search of the three-year-

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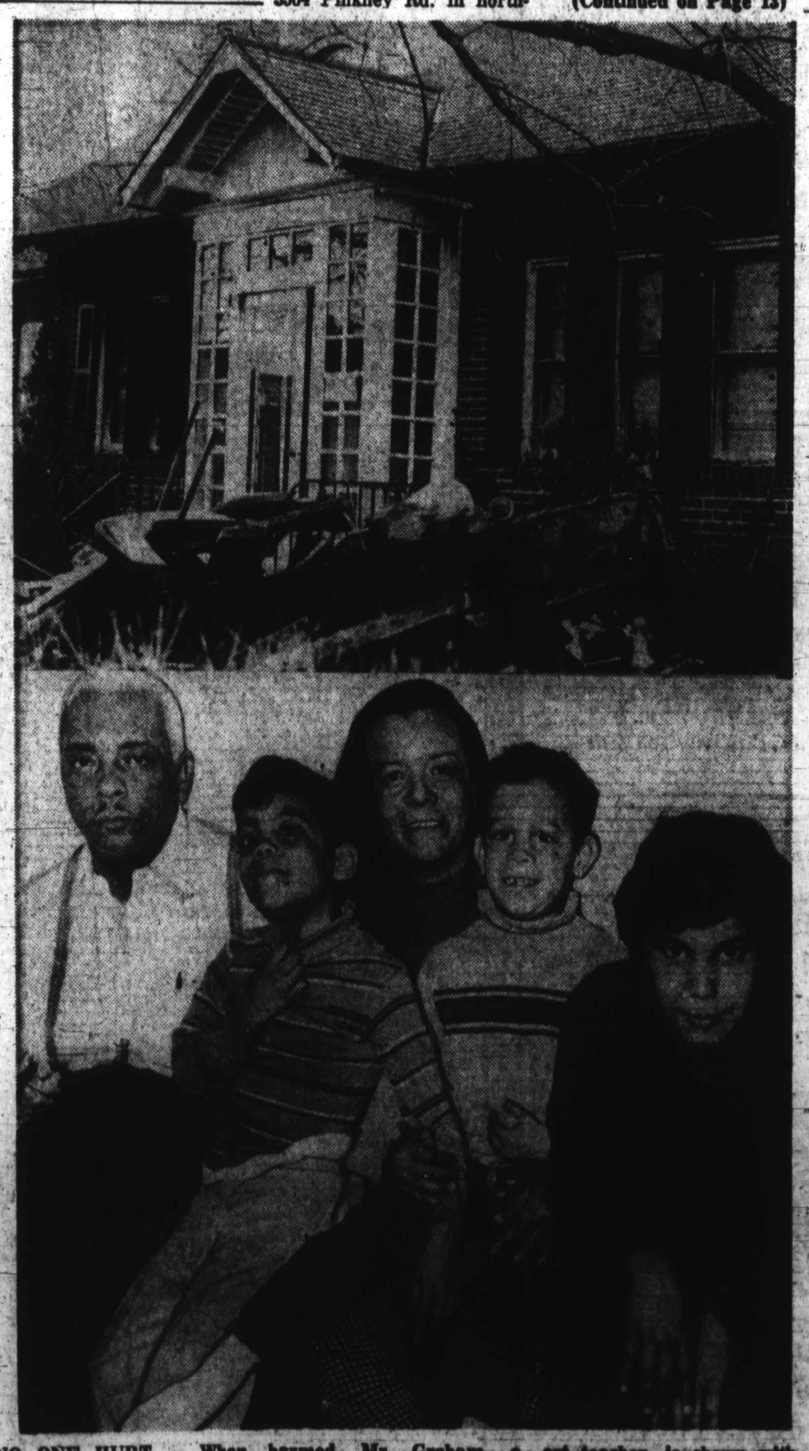
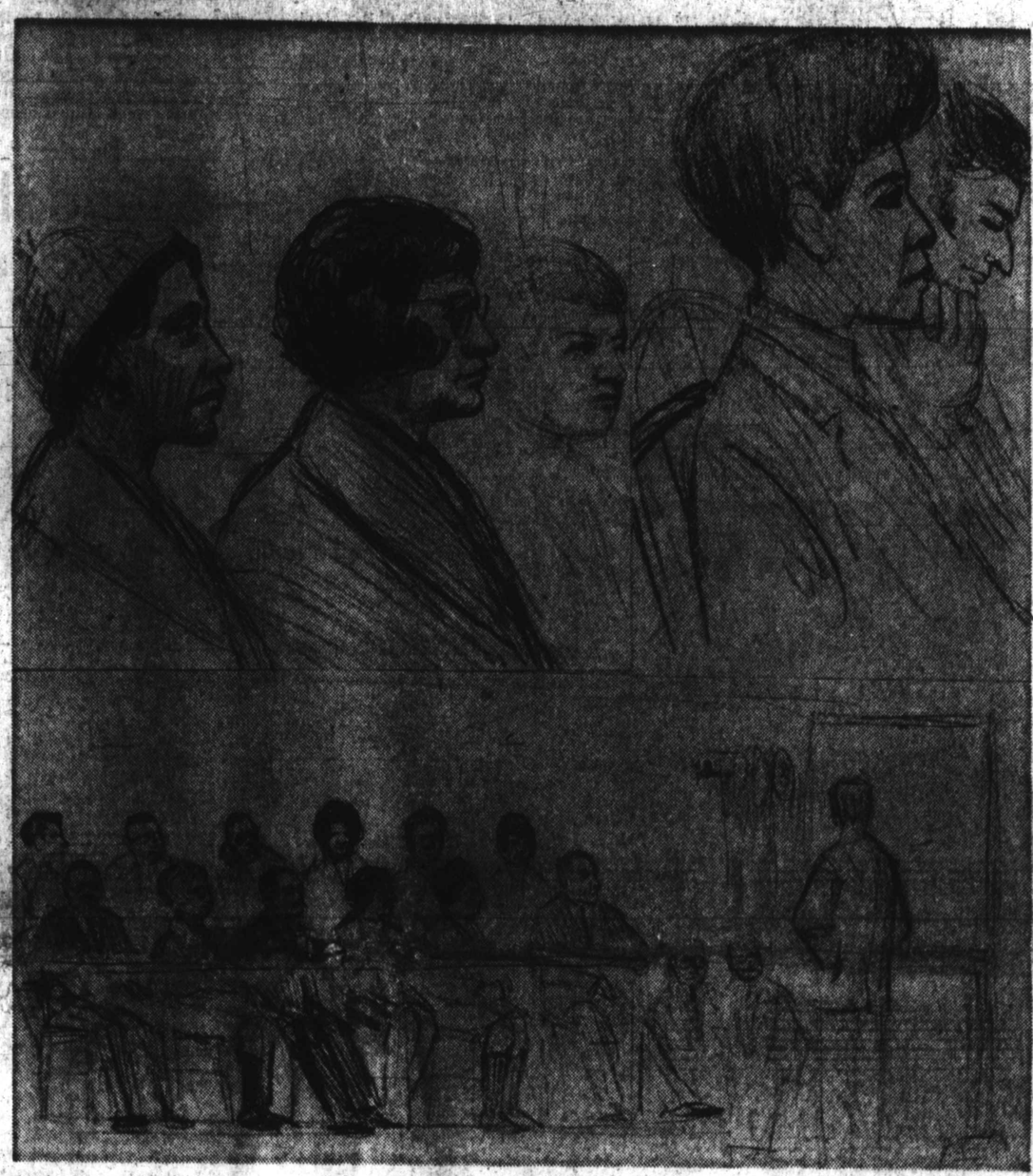


NO ONE HURT — When fire damaged this $40,000 home at 3504 Pinkney Rd. in northwest Baltimore on Sunday, family of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Graham miraculously escaped unharmed. Mr. Graham, a polio victim who is confined to a wheelchair, was at work at Social Security at the time but his wife and children managed to escape. Mrs. Graham, a city art teacher, is shown with youngsters, Robert, 6; William, 3, and Edward, 10. Firemen report the fire started when the youngest child was playing with a lighted candle.



THE FACES OF GRIEF — AFRO artist Thomas Stockett recorded these expressions of persons attending the trial of 18-year-old Van Louis Young for the criminal assault of 67-year-old Miss Margaret White on Memorial Day, last year. In top drawing lady in second position (l to r) is Mrs. Ina Walden, grandmother of the defendant; youth with hairdo and hand on chin is Mr. Young and seated next to him with head bowed is Malcolm Schlossburg, his attorney. The lower panel illustration shows the 14-member jury (two alternates) listening to the final arguments of the by prosecutor Leslie Gladstone.

Jury shocked but unsure after 7 hours

"After we beat the lady, Van had sex with her while Norman and me held her on the mattress. Then Norman had sex with her and asked me to break the pipe off and give it to him.

"He took it and jabbed it up the lady's womb five or six times, after that we went to get something to eat."

This is the shocking testimony of 16-year-old Sylvester Morris as he described for a jury of six men and six women what had happened to Miss Margaret White, 67, on the Memorial Day weekend of last year.

The bizarre testimony of what the State called "a gruesome and atrocious crime," stunned the spectator-filled courtroom. One lady spectator said aloud, "It's incredible. It's hard to believe anyone could do such a thing."

Testimony showed the slain woman was held captive and without clothing in the basement of an empty house at 647 W. Mulberry St., where four youths criminally assaulted and beat her over a two-day period.

The trial of Van Louis Young, 18, 5100 Blk. Lodestone Way, one of those accused of the crime began Monday in Criminal Court Part II, before Judge Paul A. Dorf and a jury of 11 blacks and three whites (two alternates).

Young, a quiet, soft-spoken youth whose parents have been dead since he was nine, is charged with criminally assaulting Miss White but not with having taken part in her murder.

His grandmoher, Mrs. Ina Walden, of the 500 block Saratoga, told the court that her grandson was "with me all the evening of Memorial Day because that's the day we console each other."

However, Morris, the State's chief witness, declared that Young was with

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Dr. Sheldon leaves post Monday

PAUL EVANS

Who will succeed Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon as superintendent of Public Schools?

The Board of School Commissioners will meet later today (Friday) in special session to determine who will serve as acting superintendent until such time that a permanent school chief can be found.

Usual precedent in naming an acting superintendent is to have someone from the key personnel offices of the system fill in while the Board interviews candidates for the permanent position.

Key personnel would be considered the Associate Superintendents of which there are three.

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They include:

Sterling S. Keyes, associate superintendent for Administration, Finance, and Planning; William Pinderhughes, associate superintendent for Personnel Services, and Vernon S. Vavrina, associate superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Two of the three, Keyes and Pinderhughes are black. If one of the two black associate superintendents is named as acting school head, it would be the second time in history that a black man would head a metropolitan school system. The other black school head is Hugh J. Scott of Washington, D.C.

Shortly after Dr. Sheldon took over in July, 1968, he named Mr. Pinderhughes

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Del. Brailey pushes for probe of dorm 'scandal'

"It is the point of view of the Police Department that the two young ladies involved have falsely accused the students of abduction and kidnapping.

"Upon further questioning by police they openly admitted that this was a false situation and that a false charge had been made in the rape portion of the complaint."

State's Attorney Milton B. Allen told the AFRO in answer to questions involving a report made out by two teenage girls that they were kidnapped and criminally assulted in a dormitory at Morgan State College by 11 students. Last Saturday night.

Mr. Allen explained, "this is a typical case when young ladies arrive home much past the required hour and we concluded that this is not the type of case where an indictment should result."

Nothing in the investigation revealed any type of injury caused by a beating they claimed they'd gotten. They were very indefinite. Not sure whether there were 6 or 11 boys, whether they were in one or two rooms in the boys' dorm and there were no outcries and they were returned home voluntarily.

He added that "the investigation is continuing and if any information is brought to my attention which would indicate criminal involvement we would certainly prosecute vigorously, but we must remember the state's attorney's office does not exist just to prosecute but to see that justice is done to all citizens."

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However, Delegate Troy Brailey (4th Dist.) is not satisfied with the Police Department's position and has called for a complete investigation of what he described as "a scandal in the dormitory."

Delegate Brailey said, "the case was brought to my attention by the parents of the girls who felt that there has not been the kind of police investigation of their charges which they thought the case deserved."

The girls, one a high school student, 17, and the other a clerk, 18, told police they left a party in the 2400 block Loyola Northway about 12:30 a.m. Saturday.

While they were walking down the street "two cars, each containing three black males" pulled abreast of them and someone shouted 'get in the car or we'll shoot you," the report said.

They then told police that they started to run but had their path blocked by one car and two men "jumped out of the other car, grabbed them, pushed them into the back car."

After driving around about half an hour they stated one of the "boys"

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chuckle

Parents spend the first part of a child's life urging him to walk and talk, and the rest of his childhood making him sit down and keep quiet.

Dr. Cheek taking over duties at Morgan

Dr. King Virgil Cheek, former president of Shaw University, has been in Baltimore for the past week and is expected to assume duties Monday as new president of Morgan State College.

Brother of Howard University's Dr. James E. Cheek, Dr. Cheek was named president of Morgan State by the board of trustees of State Colleges on September 15 to succeed interim President Dr. Thomas P. Fraser.

Dr. Cheek at age 33, comes to the position as the youngest president in Morgan State's 104-year history.

A graduate of Bates College and the University of Chicago, he is married to the former Annette Walker of Durham.

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Dr. Martin Jenkins, now president emeritus of Morgan, retired in August, 1970 after 22 years as president of Morgan State College.

After years of conflict with an unresponsive Budget Bureau, Dr. Jenkins decided to call it quits.

Dr. Cheek and his 26-year-old wife plan to move into their college Ave. home sometime next week.

Rep. Mitchell on powerful committee

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (Dem. Md.) has been nominated by the Democratic Committee on Committees of the House of Representatives to become the first black to sit on the committee of Banking and Currency.

The Democratic caucus must confirm the nomination next week. No opposition is expected as recommendations of the committee on committees are approved as a matter of course.

The Banking and Currency Committee handles bills affecting such diverse areas as bank regulations, insurance company supervision, consumer affairs, housing, international trade and small business affairs.

It is one of the more powerful and prestigious committees and there is considerable competition among freshman congressmen to win nomination to it.

"I think this is a very good committee assignment." Congressman Mitchell told the AFRO.

"Not only for me but for the people of my district (7th), and the state of Maryland.

"It provides the forum which permits me tobe the kind of advocate for changes in national priorities that I had envisioned," he said.