—Pipe case

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him and another boy; Norman Allen Ayers, 18, 700 block Saratoga St. and that "it was Van's idea to have sex with the lady in the first place; he's the one who tore her dress off."

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For his testimony the State has promised Morris to recommend a sentence of 10 years for his part in the crime.

Morris, who described himself as a boy "who gets into trouble by robbing people" told the court his mother Mrs. Doris Morris, knew nothing of his "deal" with the State's Attorney.

A doctor tesifying for he Medical Examiners office old the court Tuesday that Miss White had "been choked to death."

He revealed that she had been "struck over the head with a metal object at least 20 times" and that had she not been strangled "she would have died anyway of the gapping wound in her vagina and other internal injuries."

At 9:30 last night the jury returned to the courtroom after more than seven hours of deliberation to announce that they "could not reach a decision."

The foreman of the jury informed Judge Dorf that he and the 10 other jurors were hopelessly hung."

A new trial date will be set some time in the future.

During the four-day trial jurors heard testimony of how William Russell Peacock, 18, 920 Harlem Ave., Norman Allen Ayers, 18, 734 W. Saratoga St., Sylvester Morris, 18, 1931 Collington Ave. and Van Louis Young 17, 3100 Ludestone Way, allegedly beat, sexually assaulted and burned Miss Margaret White.

The State contends that Miss White was alive when the boys left her and that "they returned the following day with Peacock at which time they beat the woman in the head with a four-foot long iron pipe five or six times each, raped her again and choked her to death."

Leslie Gladstone, Assistant State's Attorney told the court that the victim was "thrown down the steps into the cellar when they finished with her."

Michael Anthony Davis, 18, of the 900 block W. Franklin St. told the court of the bizarre events which brought the police into the case.

He described himself as a friend of the defendants and said he saw "Sylvester, Norman and Peacock" together on the day Miss White was killed.

He testified that "about 10:30 or 11:00" the night of the June 1st he was "walking with Peacock and Norman and Peacock asked me if I wanted to see a naked lady."

The youths walked to the house on Mulberry St. and when Davis went into the house he said, "I looked down through this hole in floor and I saw a naked lady with blood all over her face. I got scared and ran out."

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He stated that while he was leaving the house he heard Peacock fussing with Norman for dropping some burning paper on the lady's "upper part of the naked lady's body."

When the two boys joined Davis outside the house again, he testified in court "we started walking to Pine St. Station and Peacock made up this story to tell the police."

"This story" he explained was that they had been standing near an empty lot next door to 746 Mulberry St. when they saw a man run out of the house "wearing a grey jacket and dark trousers."

The boys then "went into the house because they could see some flames coming up through the floor!" and spotted the "upper part of the naked lady's body."

The boys told the police that "the lady's hair was on fire and we threw some dirt on her to put it out."

Working on this information the police showed the boys mug shots of known sex offenders and took statements from each of them.

Trials for the other defendants are scheduled "one each month." Mr. Gladstone told the AFRO. He also explained that in the case of Sylvester Morris, the State's witness, "we'll recommend a sentence of 10 years for his part in the crime."

THE FINAL STAGE of the trial of Van Louis Young was witnessed (l to r) by Det. Furrie Cousins and Det. Joe Brandon, Defense Attorney Malcolm, Mrs. Doris Morris, her son turned State's evidence against Young; the final panel shows Judge Paul A. Dorf, who presided over the proceedings, studing documents introduced during the trial. Illustrations by AFRO artist Thomas A. Stockett.

—Mandel hit

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Fair Practices' was proposed to put teeth into the present laws and regulations.

"The governor then submits to the 1971 session of the General Assembly, for approval of the Senate, a lily white Cabinet.

"This is one of the most blatant examples of hypocrisy I have ever experienced.

"How can we expect agency heads and lower level administration to adhere to the conduct spelled out by the Code of Fair Practices, when the governor himself sets an example of ignoring it?"

Sen. Mitchell then continued with this:

"He has taken this action in spite of the fact that black legislators recommended last year competent and capable persons for Cabinet appointment.

"Mr. Mandel promised at that time our community would have representation.

"This is a slap in the face of the 22 percent of state's population that is black.

"I call on the governor to move immediately to correct this situation, so that the faith of my community in our chief executive can be restored."

The Mandel Secretarial-Cabinet posts, all filled by whites, are: Department of Personnel, Department of Employment and Social Services, Department of Licensing and Regulations, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services;

Department of General Service, Department of Economic and Community Development, Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Natural Resources, Department of State Planning, Department of Transportation.

No one of these has a black deputy secretary.

Gov. Mandel said Thursday he is contemplating reorganizing the State Department of Education on a Cabinet level.

When advised of Sen. Mitchell's blast Governor Mandel, obviously angered, stated heatedly:

"I didn't have any agreement with Mr. Mitchell or anybody else.

"I haven't made an appointment since the election.

Mr. Mitchell wants to run for mayor and make me the fall guy. I'm not going to be the fall guy for him.

"Mr. Mitchell is a most difficult man to reach when there are issues to be resolved. I've had complaints of his attendance to duties down in the Senate.

"If he paid more attention to duties, he wouldn't have the time for such statements."

Following Senator Mitchell's blast on the Senate floor, Senator Verda F. Welcome of the same district rose to say she was in agreement with him though she had no previous knowledge of what he was going to say.

"That is the common feeling in the black community," Senator Welcome said, "and in many instances they are justified. I wonder whether at times we are a part of the mainstream."

But there was outspoken opposition to Senator Mitchell's blast.

"I don't appreciate remarks calling the Governor a hypocrite," said Senator Meyer M. Emanuel, Jr. (D. Prince Georges). "Maybe these remarks are necessary to shake things up a bit, but I hope they are not made for other political reasons."

Senator George E. Snyder (D., Allegany-Garrett-Washington), majority floor leader, also took issue with Senator Mitchell's statement and said he would furnish the Senator with a list of the Mandell black appointments—which, he said, far outshadowed those of any other previous governor.

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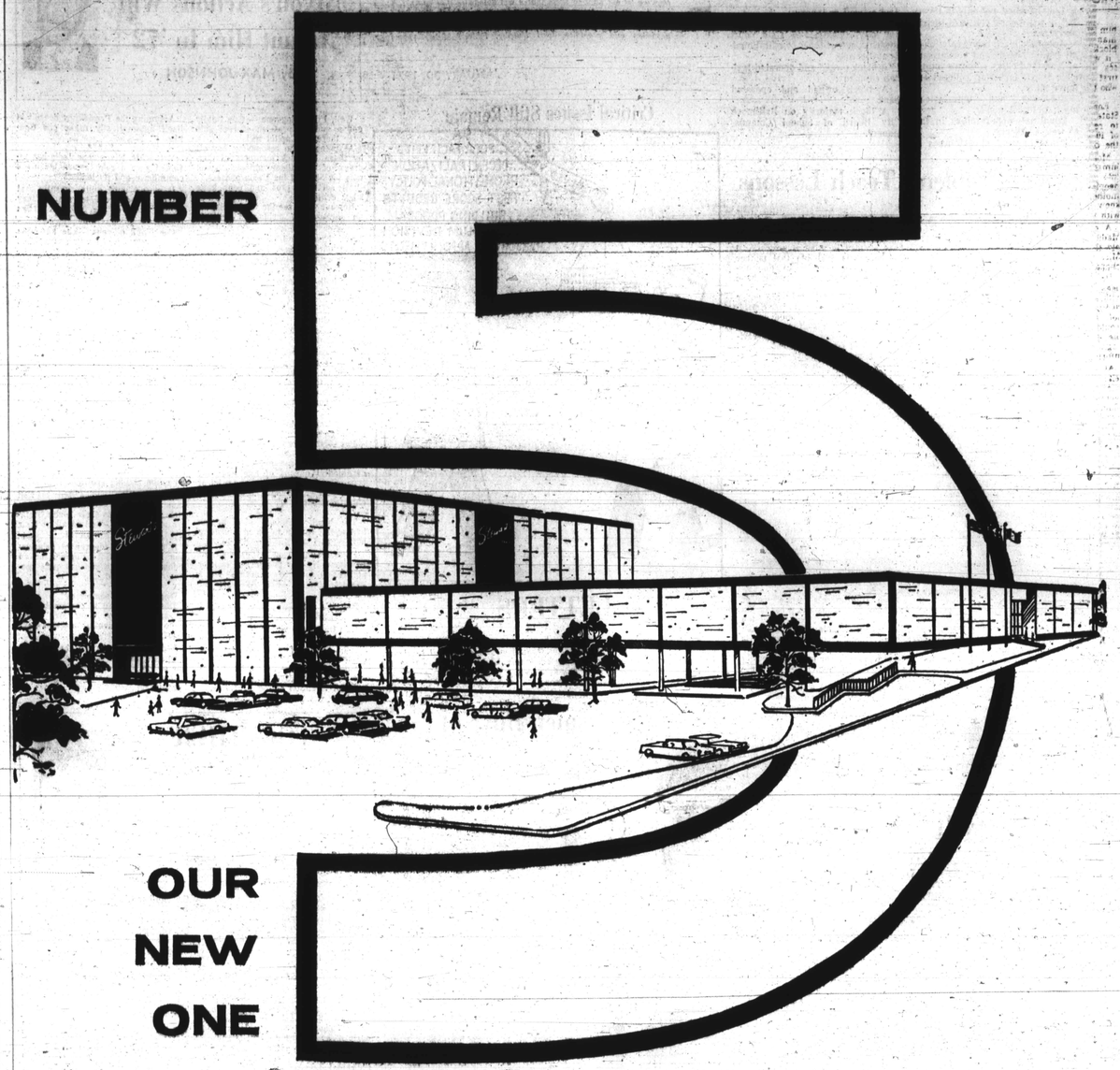

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