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Young Wife, Left Alone Found

Strangled, Drowned In Bathtub

Keyes, 36, 1st black school head

By PAUL EVANS

For the first time in the history of the city of Baltimore there will be a black superintendent of public instruction.

Sterling S. Keyes, associate superintendent for Administration, Finance and Planning in the administration of former superintendent, Thomas D. Sheldon, will move to the city's top school position until the Board of School Commissioners is able to select a permanent head.

By an 8-0 unanimous vote at the Board's meeting last evening at the Barclay Elementary School, 29th and Barclay, Mr. Keyes was voted in.

However, two black members, Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss and James N. Griffin qualified their vote.

Both commissioners said that though they would vote for Mr. Keyes and their objections were not directed to him personally, they felt that the board had ignored custom in overlooking, William Pinderhughes, whom they said was Dr. Sheldon's righthand man during his tenure in Baltimore.

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Mrs. Moss said, "I have nothing against Mr. Keyes personally. He's been an able administrator.

"However, I strongly object to the conduct of this board in ignoring custom and tradition by not appointing Dr. Sheldon's closest assistant, William Pinderhughes.

"Mr. Pinderhughes has served excellently and there is no logical reason for him not to assume the duties of interim superintendent. A principle has been violated for no just cause and has strife."

She added: "The feeling was voiced that this vote should be unanimous to express unity on the board and it is with reluctance that I have complied. I see little value in consensus for its own sake, it is valuable only if it is founded on true agreement. . ."

Mr. Griffin said that "political considerations played a great role in determining the outcome." However, he too, voted for Mr. Keyes.

Commissioner Kalman

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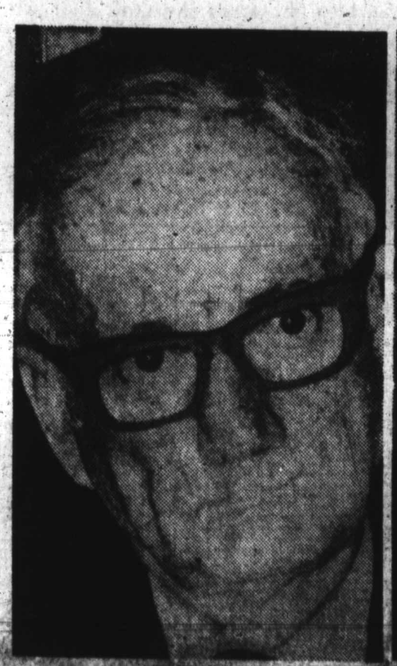
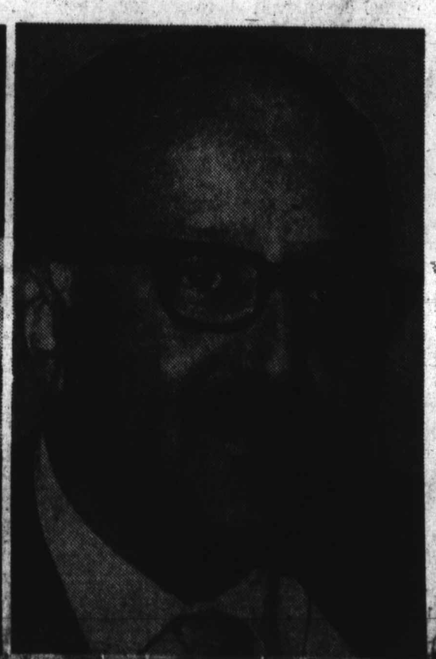
Cops Complain, Pressman Takes Notes, But People Back Murphy





WATCHDOG WATCHING — City Comptroller Hyman Pressman was on the job or on the spot this week when he appeared at Western District Municipal Court where Judge William Murphy, Sr., presides. Mr. Pressman refused to comment on why he was present taking notes while Judge Murphy was on the bench however, the AFRO learned that four unidentified police officers had filed a complaint on Judge Murphy's handling of cases involving an alleged member of the Black Panther Party who was found not guilty of charges the officers had placed against him.

The Judge's Bench at Western District Precinct is the only Municipal Courtroom in the city which is occupied by a black judge, a black clerk, a black bailiff and a black court recorder.

It also is the only courtroom in the city which has been monitored by City Comptroller Hyman Pressman who took notes of proceedings conducted by Judge William Murphy, Sr. this week.

Mr. Pressman appeared in the courtroom on Wednesday morning, notebook in hand, after disgruntled police officers complained that "the Judge is turning loose too many criminals."

An officer who wishes to remain unidentified told the AFRO that Judge Murphy "is partial towards Black Panthers" and he further complained that "if he wasn't why would he have that black militant symbol on his car window."

The officer declared that "many of us have American flags on our cars."

The officer's complaint was based on Judge Murphy's having a green, red and black flag, which is the symbol of the Black Liberation Movement, glued to the lower right hand corner of his windshield.

Mr. Pressman refused to answer any questions on why he was in the courtroom and when asked if he were "conducting an investigation of Judge Murphy's

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VICTIM OF Bathtub Murder Case, Mrs. Cynthia Sims feet of water in the bathtub of her apartment in the feet of water in the bath tub of her apartment in the 1200 block Linworth Ave. A spokesman for the Medical Examiner's office told the AFRO that death was caused by "strangulation and emersion"...

Bathtub murderer at large

The murderer of Mrs. Cynthia Sims, the 27-year-old OB technician whose thinly clad body was found submered in a bathtub filled with water last Tuesday night is still at large.

Mrs. Sims, who was employed by Sinai Hospital and who lived at 1201 Linworth Ave. with her husband Edward Sims up until the two days before her body was discovered, was "strangled with her head under the water", according to the Medical Examiner.

Police reports show that the last person known to have spoken with Mrs. Sims was her sister Mrs. Barbara Jones of the 1600 block Darley Ave.

Mrs. Jones told police that she talked with her sister on the phone at 8:15 p.m. on February 8 and that the sister told her that she was "having domestic trouble and her husband

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Mayor and State's Attorney to investigate HCD inspector

The North East Community Organization met Tuesday with Baltimore City State's Attorney Milton B. Allen, requesting an investigation of two housing inspectors of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Charged with improper conduct in the reporting of violations in NECO housing area are Inspectors Sam Liberto and Frank Becker. Based on evidence presented by NECO members, Mr. Allen agreed to conduct an immediate investigation into the allegations.

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He agreed further to investigate any other irregularities which may be uncovered within the HCD — landlord — tenant court hassles.

NECO also asked Mr. Allen for a stenographer's presence in the lower courts, and that a notice be sent a week in advance to a tenant who is to appear in court. Mr. Allen indicated that he had no control over these two matters.

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After leaving the State's Attorney's office, NECO representatives attempted to meet with Robert Embry, director of HCD. They were unable to push demands for the immediate dismissal of Sam Liberto because Mr. Embry was in a meeting with Mayor D'Alesandro.

Immediately the group proceeded to the Mayor's office for a confrontation with Mr. Embry.

He was not present; however, the members of the community organization spoke with the Mayor who promised to investigate the matter by talking with Embry.

Mayor D'Alesandro promised further to get a report of the HCD Director's decisions on Inspector Liberto and report his findings on the matter to NECO as soon as possible.

CHUCKLE

A man eating dinner in a restaurant couldn't cut his steak. He complained to the waiter, "You'll have to take this meat back and get me another piece. I can't even begin to slice through it." "Sorry, sir," replied the waiter, "I can't take this back now. You've bent it."

E. Simms Campbell leading cartoonist, dead in N.Y.

NEW YORK — Funeral services were held last week for E. Simms Campbell, the dean of contemporary cartoonists.

Mr. Campbell, 65, died in New York. For the last few years he was in bad health, according to a family spokesman.

A former Chicagoan, Mr. Campbell was born in St. Louis. He attended Englewood High School and The Chicago Art Institute.

Campbell went to New York where he was determined to breakdown the racial barriers in the commercial art world.

He became a free-lance cartoonist and in 1926 Mr. Campbell's now famous Armistice sketch brought him national attention. It summed up the debt of the nation to those who died in World War I.

E. SIMMS CAMPBELL

In the 1930s and 40s, he worked for "Esquire" magazine where his harem girls belonged to a pudgy, hedonistic potentate of a business tycoon and of a newlywed couple.

Since gaining fame with "Esquire," his cartoons have also appeared in such widely read magazines as "Playboy," "The New Yorker," "Redbook," "Saturday Evening Post" and 'Collier's."

Mr. Campbell's daughter is the wife of photographer-motion picture director Gordon Parks.

Mr. Campbell and his wife, Vivian, had lived in Switzerland for 14 years. Mrs. Campbell died there in November. Mr. Campbell returned to his New York home in October.

Allen-: After The First 40 Days

ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Arthur G. Murphy, the chairman of Gov. Mandel's Commission of Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, has turned down State's Attorney Milton Allen's offer of the post of deputy.

Mr. Allen told the AFRO Tuesday, "I talked with Arthur Murphy. He said he isn't able to take the job because of his present position and for the reason that it would limit him from practicing law."

NO. 1 DEPUTY CHOICE

However, Mr. Allen said he is talking on an "almost daily basis" with Monumental Bar Association president Benjamin Brown on his taking the post.

He said, "I am hoping he will."

When the AFRO met Mr. Brown on his way into the State's Attorney's Office for a Tuesday talk, he refused to say if he will or will not take the post as deputy.

Mr. Brown presented Mr. Allen for induction into the office of State's Attorney in January. He has been a practicing lawyer 10 years and is manager of the law firm Howard, Brown and Williams.

A 5th District member of the State Central Committee, Mr. Brown is a political Science graduate of Lincoln University and the University of Maryland Law School.

BLACK ASSISTANTS

A partial progress report on State's Attorney Allen's first 40 days in office as the only black elected official of that capacity in the nation, therefore leaves him up to this point as still without a deputy, which he admits, "I certainly do need."

Other items he indicates "look like" real progress include his addition of five black future assistant state's attorneys who are now serving as "interns" on a part time basis under Allen's assistant, Steve Montanerelli.

They are due to begin serving full-time this summer. Mr. Allen told the AFRO.

The University of Maryland law students are Aubrey C. Wyatt, Richard Johnson, Edward Martin, Courtney G. Valentine and John H. Rhines.

Mr. Allen named two others, Charles C. Lee and Herbert C. Sledge Jr., who may come on his staff after they take the bar examination in July.

Also expected is a young woman graduate of the University of Miami Law School, Miss Wyndi Williams, who Mr. Allen said, "We're hoping to get here to make an important member of our staff."

For many years the State's Attorney's Office has been taken to task for an "all-white" staff of prosecutors and in the past, heads of the department have maintained, "no black lawyers want the job."

Mr. Allen commented, "It's not an easy thing to do. Most lawyers of any color want to get more money in private practice."

STRIKE FORCE

Another point of progress Mr. Allen has taken was accomplished in a trip to Washington to file for $¼ million government block grant to fund the strike force, a new investigative unit.

He said when he gets approval of the program and the funds, next will come determination of personnel. The Strike Force will delve deeply into organized crime, not only narcotics and gambling areas.

ON BEING BLACK

Meantime Mr. Allen is getting his office "in shape" and following tradition, readying photographs, cartoons, diplomas, certificates, plaques and other framed items to place on the walls.

Among them is a hand printed copy of the words to

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STERLING S. KEYES
New interim superintendent

Schmidt and workers settle differences

Henry W. Schmidt, president of Schmidt Baking Co., Inc. announced Thursday the end of the company's present labor difficulties and signed a contract with Henry Koellein, Jr., business manager of the Bakery and Confectionary Workers International Union of America, A.F.L.-C.I.O., Local 68.

Mr. Schmidt stated that with this final settlement, Schmidt Blue Ribbon Bread is now available in all stores in the Baltimore area.

The new contract calls for a 25 cent per hour increase on the base wage of $2.65 per hour every month over a 30 month period; full Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage and the much sought after dependent coverage.

Approximately 175 predominantly black workers are covered by the new

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MILTON B. ALLEN

ARTHUR W. MURPHY

BENJAMIN BROWN