—Russell-Lacy

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proportions.

It also promises to test the conservative strain and the liberal leanings in Baltimore.

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If Mitchell throws his hat in the ring, then the race will include three blacks, three white, one moderate-militant, one moderate-liberal, one ultra-conservative, one conservative, one ultra-liberal, and one whose basic political stand is unclear.

What more could you ask?

Senator Mitchell has already announced he plans a meeting with Russell before making a formal announcement of his candidacy. Some sources indicate Senator Mitchell would withdraw from the race if Russell would do likewise.

It is well, known that the Mitchell camp considers George Russell "irrelevant to the black community."

There are suggestions that Supreme Bench Judge Joseph C. Howard is Senator Mitchell's choice as compromise candidate.

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Somewhat less official but equally as intriguing is the word that James J. Lacy, chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, had been chosen by Russell to run on his ticket for the office of City Comptroller.

Mr. Lacy is a prominent attorney whose reputation as fire commissioner has established him as a strong, capable and deeply concerned leader.

When asked by the AFRO to comment, Mr. Lacy said, "I am seriously considering running for comptroller."

A final decision has not been made, he added, "but right now I'm giving it strong consideration."

In addition to his reputation for fairness and sound judgment while head of the Fire Board, Mr. Lacy is highly respected in the Catholic community. His name on the Russell ticket would greatly enhance Russell's chances.

Also making his bid for the job long held by Hyman Pressman is Delegate Frank M. Conaway, D-4th, who plans to campaign on the premise that because of Mr. Pressman's monopoly on the City Comptroller's desk in recent years, "it has become inefficient, drab and unrealistic."

He claims he would bring to that office "vitality needed to make it better able to meet the needs of Baltimore City."

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The contest for seats in the City Council was drastically affected by the recent redistricting lines which broke up the Bohemian (all white) empire of the 2nd District.

Clement J. Prucha and Joseph V. Mach, both chieftans of strong white political machines are well known for their conservative views. They have seen the handwriting on the wall and are bowing out of the race for reelection in the 2nd District.

The November, 1970 election and the ascension to power of the New Democratic Coalition, an organization of some 2,000 East Baltimore residents of both races pledged to work together for racial harmony, apparently sealed the doom of the Prucha-Mach dynasty.

Ready and eager to take their places in the council chambers are two political unknowns, Titus Garnett Jr., 37, and Walter B. Burrell, 34.

Both Mr. Garnett, an AFRO distributor and Mr. Burrell, a security officer ran for the House of Delegates last year on the A-C-D-C ticket and lost.

Dr. Emerson R. Julian, D-4th, announced his plans to run for reelection last week while at the same time making it clear that he will support Russell for mayor.

It is expected that the remaining black incumbents will also run again. They are Mrs. Victorine Adams, D-4th; Robert Marshall, D-4th and Robert Douglas, D-2nd.

With only one candidate in for the presidency of the City Council that race has yet to develop any definite form. Delegate Gerald J. Curran, D-3rd announced this week his intention to seek that office.

Mr. Curran pointed out that he was mainly concerned with problems of "an overburdened educational system, an inflated crime rate, of run-away taxes and of the exodus of both people and industry from the city."

He indicated the way to accomplish this is "to join the best of the old with the most important of the new in laying the blueprint for the future of Baltimore."

Even conservative estimates have put the increase in councilmen to seven which means that given even an outside chance of a clean sweep, possible eight black people will sit in the council and since the line-up of candidates for the president's seat is unknown a strong bid for power is sure to be the order of the 1971 campaign.

All of this comes on the threshold of a campaign that has not begun in earnest since July 8 is the deadline for filing for office for the September 14 Primary Election.

—$1,000 reward for killer

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of the girls had come back Friday night.

"I learned later that the other girl went home Sunday and she called and said Vanessa would be home Sunday night or Monday.

'But, she called again about 2 a.m. Monday (the day Vanessa died) and asked if Vanessa was home. In another call she made she said she last saw Vanessa about 3 a.m. Monday. She also said she was all right and she was with "some of our friends."

Mrs. Wallace also said the blue key found in Vanessa's purse was a key the girl friend had given to her to get the girlfriend had given to her to get (April 18).

Vanessa was buried in Morning Star Cemetery on April 23.

—Allen-jury

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report of the outgoing January term grand jury headed by Alan Shecter, foreman and his panel of 23 citizens.

The 10 black citizens on the panel were Mesdames Louise Martin, Venus Green, Mary Green, Clara Miller, Effie Anderson, Estell Williams and Eva Thrower and Messrs. Harold Norris and William Williams.

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Citing the more than 20,000 crimes committed in Baltimore each day with only one per cent ever brought to justice and the woefully inadequate 4,000-member police force's inability to cope with the problem, Mr. Allen stated, "We need desperately citizens' suggestions and honest efforts to attack the ever-growing avalanch. Therefore, I respect the Shecter Report."

Commenting on Mr. Shector's disclosures of crime in Baltimore and specifically on The Block, Mr. Allen said, "He's correct on The Block. It is not a glamorous, bawdy place just for fun.

"There are highly organized syndicates arising out of The Block. We have run across two instances of phony liquor licenses there for "sham." The cases are now before the Liquor Board."

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Foreman Shecter, a local public relations man, said the panel unanimously agreed on the report which literally laid at the Court House and the city afire with its revelations on organized crime, The Block, murder-for-hire, narcotics traffic, unethical bailbondsmen, unethical lawyers and other illegal activities.

The report also reveals a sealed list of lawyers who the jurors believe are intimidating witnesses and obstructing justice, to the Bar Association of Baltimore City.

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Highlighting the historic Grand Jury report; the portion on crime reveals, "Regardless of the race of the criminal, let no one doubt that the overwhelming majority of crimes of every type in Baltimore are committed against the black population. It is not whites that have the most to fear about crime."

Going on to literally expose everything and everybody in the crime world and those related to it, the report asserts that poor citizens, the victims of most crimes, and dope traffic, are closer to street level and have more occasion to see and know who is in the action.

Mr. Shector told the AFRO, "If they would only report who and what they see, the problems we have would sooner be solved."

Listing heroin as the No. 1 crime factor, Mr. Shector says in the report that heroin feeds on heroin and strongholds as more and more persons are roped in and ultimately hand over millions of dollars to the men at the top."

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Agreeing dope traffic "may have gone too far now," Mr. Shector states he nevertheless recommends that efforts to stop distributors must be made, "or we are guilty of condoning the business and it will continue to get worse."

The Shecter Report deals at length with The Block which it calls "raunchy" and exclaims, "Too bad it took a murder of a 20-year-old before the Grand Jury had cause to hear testimony to the effect that:

"Highly organized criminal interests appear to have a great amount of control of activities in The Block, engaged in gambling, narcotics traffic, murder for hire, prostitution and other harmful acts against society.

"Control of activities appears to be headquartered in Philadelphia. Local names on Block liquor licenses are frequently a sham. The Block thrives upon corruption and the public's misguided laissez-faire attitude.

"Local municipal officials make virtually no effort to correct this situation."

The Block section of the report opens with how sickening it is to know "Our Visitors' Council spends taxpayers funds to promote visits to The Block; that raunchy East Baltimore Street area of which we have all joked and winked knowingly."

He states that historically the Liquor License Board has proven incapable of investigating and determining openly who are the real owners of most Block establishments.

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Spotlighting the fact that public officials, law enforcement agents and the general public are "not caring enough," Mr. Shecter told the AFRO he feels nothing much will ever be done to follow up his report.

He comments, "Something should be done. Things could be improved seem preoccupied with other things."

Mr. Shecter's report would discard the present bail bondsmen and the system; ludicrous interruption of the Supreme Bench proceedings for daily dismissal of the Grand Jury; the old, dirty and unventilated Court House and some other out-dated, useless efforts.

Recommended among other things is review of the prison system which breeds criminals and as Mr. Allen states, "serves as graduate school for crime" and reconstruct a method to save lives, talent and thus lead offenders back to useful citizenship.

Needed also, the jurors say, is a system of centralized control over a case from the time of a person's arrest until he leaves the criminal court system.

The grand jury report commended the new State's Attorney and his staff and stated there is need for greater support of the office.

The full text of the Shecter Grand Jury Report will be printed in subsequent editions of the AFRO.

—Teens

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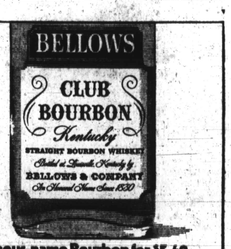
word to me. I had no idea of what was going on."

Mr. Hite apparently still doesn't know what's going on because when contacted by the AFRO he had no comment when informed that the so-called burglary charge was unfounded and that the only charges the youths must face is that of the alleged assault which took place right outside his office.

An older sister of one of the teenagers arrested told the AFRO, "we still don't understand how a police officer can come into a school and not confer with the proper authorities there before taking action on his own.

"We're of the opinion that this police officer only charged my brother with assault after he found out he didn't have anything else to hold him on. He had no business being there in the first place."

A trial date for the three youths ages 15 and 16 has not been set by Juvenile Court.



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—Patuxent conflict

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disciplined for it."

He declared that during his five years at the institution (1962-1967) he "never saw an officer attack an inmate, and with equal determination he said that if Lascel Gallup isn't being treated like a human being "its because he won't let you treat him like a human being."

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When asked why he was no longer employed at the institution he said "because down there an officer is the scum of the earth. Patuxent is the biggest farce the taxpayer has ever had foisted on him.

"I quit," he declared, "because the inmate has total control of the institution."

In an interview which lasted almost two hours, Mr. Bluford revealed that his complaints about Patuxent, AFRO stories on Patuxent and Mr. Gallup lay primarily in two areas.

First, he admits to being "a guard from the old school" and one who is determined not to let the "inmates get around me."

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"When a man is working in an institution as a guard and he goes up with a write-up on an inmate his word should be it. He shouldn't have his integrity questioned on the say so of an inmate," Mr. Bluford said.

At Patuxent he explained "an inmate can write a letter to "one of those doctors complaining about a guard and, man, that guard might catch hell," he argued that this shouldn't be so "because a guard just shouldn't have to answer to an inmate."

Second, he opposes the AFRO stories about the institution and Mr. Gallup because "Gallup is one of the ringleaders of trouble makers down there. Lots of men down there don't go along with the institution's program but most of them don't go along with it legally.

"Gallup and men like him don't go along with it by stabbing guards, stirring up trouble."

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"What the AFRO should really do," he declared, "is write a story about how hard it is for guards down there rather than the inmates."

Taking a contrary view of the guards' plight Dr. Ar-

Dr. Kandel, associate director of Patuxent, recently told representatives of the prison guard union that "the institution official have a bigger problem working with the office than the inmates."

Dr. Kandel is a Ph.D. and based his reasoning on the guards reaction to the two incidents in which officers were held hostage.

Said Dr. Kandel, "the institution can remain constitutional only as long as we provide treatment.

"I fear the guards will want the inmates locked up all the time, making treatment impossible."

He pointed out that since the most recent disturbance he has noted that guards have been urging greater security precautions and that two have "even refused to give written incident accounts favoring a prisoner."

This he concluded, was an indication of prison guard solidarity.

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Dr. Kandel went on to declare that he had knowledge that two guards had refused to submit any report on an institutional matter because "it would have to be favorable to the inmate."

The matter involved the charge of an attack on a guard with two guards as eyewitnesses. "They could dispute the charges," he declared, "but they refuse to put their accounts of the incident in writing."

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Such incidents may or may not be regular happenings at the special hospital-prison facility. To date most information of what goes on inside has been sketchy and without the clear declaration of proof.

However, on Tuesday April 15, the State Commission on Human Relations will give a public report on what it calls "an in depth probe" of the controversial institution.

All persons interested should be in attendance at the Mount Vernon Building, 701 St. Paul St., 5th floor. Further information can be gotten from the office of Treadwell O. Phillips, executive director.

Marriage permits

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—Shirley Parker

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side the fountain, her body badly decomposed, on June 1 by two repairmen who had ascended the ladder to fix the lig.

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Theories on the case to this day dominate conversations of young people, housewives, would-be crime-solvers and one person in particular, a Gay St. medium who made several accurate predictions, still insists a man who she thinks is guilty "will get tired of his guilt and come plaguing him and confess soon."

She is seen in Lexington Market early this spring, the portly lady who says she keeps getting "vibrations" and "spiritual messages" states, "Someone killed Shirley. They swam across the lake with her. He was crafty, desperate and afraid. Fear and passion gave him strength. He took her up the ladder and left her body in the fountain.

"He thought he had performed the perfect crime but there is never an hour that passes that he doesn't think about it. One of these days not too far off, he will tell it all and accept his punishment."

A veteran Homicide police officer told the AFRO the same thing. "There's never a perfect crime. Murder will out even if it's 24 years later."

Also still hopeful that the death of her daughter will one day come to light is Mrs. Theresa Widgeon Austin. Employed at a New York resort, the mother often returns to Baltimore where memories of her beauteous daughter's happier days fill the home.

Recently she told the AFRO, "Time takes care of all things. My daughter would not have taken her own life. The responsible person will someday reap his reward."

The Shirley Parker Story, the most mysterious case of all times, attracted public attention soon after Mrs. Austin told Missing Persons she felt the young matron had met with foul play.

Within a few days, police found her purse with personal papers inside the high iron fence which surrounds the vast reservoir. Subsequently police interviewed a man who said he had persuaded her late the night of April 28 to turn back from the waters edge.

He said their conversation earlier in the evening was a disagreement that left her distraught.

At that time police investigation disclosed that someone knew what had happened to Shirley and where her body was.

At about this time in May, 1969, at the request of many AFRO readers, the police department dragged the lake. Never suspecting the fountain as the hiding place, they passed by the very place where the body had already been hidden.

Medical examiners who later performed the autopsy said they may have been in position to determine how the attractive woman died had they been able to examine the body at an earlier date before decomposition erased the clues. Until today, the file is incomplete, holding the cause of death as "open."

Monday rites for Mrs. Fuller

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. for Mrs. Clara A. Fuller, widow of Gilford Fuller, at the Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion Church. Mrs. Fuller died Thursday, May 6.

A wake will be held Sunday, 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Melton and Dyett Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fuller is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Mennie Davis; Mrs. Francis Stieff and Mrs. Clarice Anderson; son, Robert Roberts; sister, Mrs. Bertha Williams.

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