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Dope Sales Wide Open Here

NEVER BEFORE have you seen a photograph like this. Snapped by an AFRO staff photographer, it shows live and almost too real to believe, an actual narcotics transaction taking place in broad daylight on the streets of Baltimore. Coming editions will show crowds of young people of al races in "Dope Communes" in parks and on corners, smoking and injecting and in orgies. The above photo shows the swank, cock-sure underworld chieftain (in black top coat) meeting with his brief-case carrying lieutenant, making an exchange of money and narcotics, calmly parting company and walking away. Within a few moments after the long-range camera caught the action, the lieutenant was arrested and taken to police headquarters. Within a few more minutes, "The Chief" was there to bail him out so the valuable lieutenant could go on about his nefarious, death-dealing business and deliver and sell over $3,000 in dope before the evening was over. Such arrangements take place hourly all over Baltimore and bring in an estimated gold mine of over $100,000. each day. — Photo copyrighted by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

AFRO EXCLUSIVE SERIES

20,000 crimes a day laid to drug menace

This is what the new AFRO series on Dope In Baltimore is all about: • Drug traffic has gone too far in Baltimore. It has snaked in all races, all persons rich or poor. • Teenagers are dying every day from overdoses of heroin. • Death by violence occurs every day. • Babies less than a day old are going through withdrawal symtoms because their mothers are addicts. • Over 20,000 known addicts must rob, steal and shoplift each day to sustain their habits. • More than 20,000 crimes are committed each day in Baltimore. • A police force of 10,000 men could not curb dope traffic here. • There's so much money to be made in dope, law enforcement agents are often corrupted and the tenacles of narcotics traffic could entwine anyone from Washington down to the policeman on the beat. • The final section of the series will give possible solutions to the greatest problem the city has ever faced.

PART I

A veteran Narcotics Squad officer last week likened the terror caused by drug traffic in Baltimore to the plague of Biblical days which had citizens running, screaming, hiding indoors, in caves and woods, even under water, seeking to get away from the dreaded disease.

"This is where we find ourselves today," he said.

He asked, "Is there anyone you know of who is not trembling inside? Is there anyone you know who is not armed to protect his home?

"Someone in your neighborhood or in your circle of friends has been robbed. Someone you know has a child who is an addict, beyond hope and on heroin, cocaine, LSD or worse. And, ask anyone. Someone you know is in his grave today because of dope."

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Last week State's Attorney Milton B. Allen said there are over 220,000 known dope addicts in Baltimore who must commit at least one crime apiece — or more — each day to support the habit. Murder comes in as they steal, rob, purse-snatch and shoplift.

Therefore, he said, it is safe to assume that at least 20,000 crimes are committed a day in this city.

Admitting dope trade "has gone almost too far," Mr. Allen said, "Dope oriented crime is so rampant it is impossible for our small police force to handle. A mere 4,000-member police force can't cope with the avalanche. The bulk of criminals goes unpunished. Only 1 per cent goes to trial."

BALTIMORE TOPS

Judge Albert Sklar in his charge to the May Term Grand Jury notes that Baltimore is at the nation's top, or

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FRANCINE WELLS at 14, too young to die

VANESSA TALIFERRO life ends at 18 in a hallway

The toll is heavy; teens are victims

Dope connected arrests, related tragedies murders and deaths from overdoses of heroin continued this week.

Most astounding is the case of an 11-year-old orphan boy, the youngest yet STO PSquad reports show as a "longtime addict."

The child, alone in the world, was discovered to have needle marks "all up and down both arms." When apprehended by Officers Roger Nolan and Vernion May was carrying dope in his threadbare boots.

He was taken into custody after the officers followed a car to six dope drop-off places before the crackdown. In the car were six grown men who had cooked up the scheme of letting the child carry the dope. The adults have been charged and await grand jury action.

A list of the most recent overdose deaths includes a 14-year-old girl honor student and an 18-year-old former Forest Park High School pupil and, narcotics officials report, "many more teenaged addicts not yet determined as to cause of death."

Geraldine makes 1,000 kids happy

Miss Geraldine (Gee Gee) Gilmor is a black cat age 6-months who is beloved by all the 1,000 pupils at Gilmor Elementary School No. 107, 1300 block Gilmor St. in the heart of the inner city.

Something occurred this week that makes Geraldine even more adored and now that she's back in the school library, she is more spoiled than ever.

What happened was this. During a school robbery Monday night, one of the mean thieves let Geraldine out of doors. She had never been out at night before and only left the library on weekend visits with the famlies of the children.

When Librarian Mrs. Ruth Smith found Geraldine missing among other

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Booker T. principals under fire

By PAUL EVANS

As a result of faculty petition, the top administrative staff of the Booker T. Washington Junior High School No. 130 is expected to be changed as of Sept. 1.

Highly regarded in previous years as one of the top secondary schools in Baltimore, the institution has been the scene of increased disciplinary problems and teacher rebellion in recent years.

High on the list of problems of the school is the general climate of a rise in disciplinary problems in junior and senior high schools througrout the nation.

Yet "Booker T.," as it is fondly called by students, faculty and friends, has always had strong principals and vice principals.

Throughout the past 15-20 years, the school has had at its head veteran administrators as Mrs. Lillian Parrot Murpry, Harry R. Parker, Harold H. Seaborn and Mrs. Ethel T. Payne.

Respect for administrators among faculty, students and other personnel was widely shared in the community and at the Department of Education's twenty-fifth street office.

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The central problem which is currtntly obscuring and undergirding the present educational program is a wholesale lack of respect for administrators by teachers and students which the AFRO has learned "is not founded on personal dislikes."

In a confrontation with

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CITY JAIL SUITS

Warden faces court actions

Two legal actions have been initiated against City Jail Warden Hiram L. Schoonfield, which, if upheld in court, could take much of the power the warden now has out of his hands and put a stop to many of the policies now in effect there.

Lawyers with the Baltimore Legal Aid Bureau, in a joint effort with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, filed suit May 7 in the federal court asking for "injunctive relief" for eight inmates of the jail from a long list of practices, described by the lawyers as constituting brutality and cruel and unusual punishment.

In another action, Arthur Turco, charged in the murder of Eugene Anderson, and several other inmates of the jail have filed a petition in the superior court for the issuance of a writ of mandamus, which asks the court to order a Grand Jury investigation of conditions in the jail and calls for the suspension of Schoonfield and two of his officers pending such an investigation.

Public attention was brought to reports of inhumane treatment of inmates in the City Jail recently when Del. Troy Brailey, D-4th, reported complaints from black officers in the jail that inmates and officers alike are tyrannized by Warden Schoonfield.

Del. Brailey, commenting on the suits now pending, told the AFRO, "I'm glad somebody is following up on this." He added that he is planning an unannounced visit to the jail to investigate further the complaints he has received.

Meanwhile, Legal Aid

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Masons in convention on Sunday

The 50th Golden Anniversary Celebration of the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge, AF and AM, will open Sunday, May 23, with a Divine Service at 3 p.m. at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Lanvale St. and Carrollton Ave. City Solicitor George Russell will be guest speaker.

Grand Master Clarence Wycoff predicts a turnout for the entire week's festivities of two or three thousand people, mostly from the East Coast area.

Monday evening there will be an open house at the Hiram Grand Lodge Temple, 1205 Eutaw Place, and Tuesday a Bazaar/Carnival will be held there at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Grand Master Wycoff said, is Eastern Star Day, with an open

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Police unwrap Green Quilt Mystery; believed a dope-oriented murder

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Homicide detectives are still trying to "unfold" the mystery of "The Body In the Green Quilt."

Search for a known dope peddler simply named "Chew" leads them to believe narcotics is involved.

The lifeless body of Alonzo Threet, 25, 700 block W. Lexington St., was wrapped in a green quilt and deposited in the Emergency Room entrance of the South Baltimore General Hospital near 6 p.m. May 18. Police say he was a known dope addict.

They report that four men drove up in the ambulance area in a 1970 gray car, left the body neatly tucked in the green quilt on the floor saying they would notify next of kin.

Wilbur Hamsen, hospital assistant administrator, quoted the guard stationed at the emergency entrance in order to "unwrap" the mystery of how "The Body in the Green Quilt" got there.

The guard said the unknown men stated, sick in the c' "Quick. Here's someone sick in the car."

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The guard is also quoted as saying when someone inside emergency went to get a wheelchair, the men put the body in tthe green quilt on the floor of the accident room, went back to the car and sped off.

He also stated, "By the time a nurse ordered the man picked up off the floor and put on a stretcher, the car and the men were nowhere to be seen."

Mr. Hamsen also told the AFRO, "By the time they got the man into the accident room and unwrapped the quilt, there was evi-

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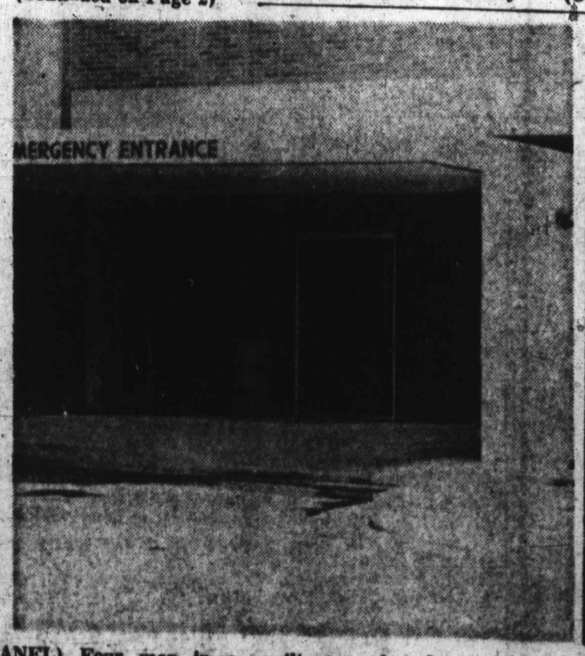

GREEN QUILT MURDER SEQUENCE — (From left) Alonzo Threet, 25, was slain on the corner of Hamburg and Leadenhall Sts. in South Baltimore. (CENTER PANEL) Four men in a late model car swung up the driveway to the South Baltimore General Hospital Emergency Room, took the body out, tucked the green quilt securely about the limp form and (RIGHT PANEL) left it with nurses inside the door. Polict say the suspects informed the nurses they would notify next of kin that the man was ill and drove off. When attendants unwrapped the green quilt it was discovered Threet had sustained a knife wound and was dead.

Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. Butler top AFRO crossing guards

With one month to go in the AFRO Favorite Crossing Guard Contest, and the total votes cast well over three million, Mrs. Lucy Hinton continues to hold the lead over Mrs. Dorothy Butler, in second place, but the backfield is showing signs of life for the first time in weeks.

Mrs. Patsy Paige has moved into third place to replace Mrs. Gertrude Boone, now in fourth. Mrs. Edith Cooper has moved from sixth into fifth place, and Mrs. Willie Mae Waters into sixth, while Mrs. Louise Lawson has dropped into seventh.

Mrs. Aileen West holds onto the eighth position, and Mrs. Elizabeth Carter has moved up from tenth to ninth to change places with Mrs. Lavina Robinson.

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Votes received at the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw, by noon Wednesday will be counted in the following Friday's paper. Those received by 5 p.m. Friday are tallied in the next week's Tuesday edition.

It's still possible to secure an extra 1,000 or 2,500 votes for your favorite by taking advantage of the special 13 or 26 week subscription offers now available.

Contestants vie for a share of the $1,500 prize money, with the winner taking $500, second place $300, third place $200, fourth $100, and smaller cash prizes to the others who place high on the list.

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Remember, only one month to go, so get those votes in today!

Here is a list of the 140 contestants, their locations

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