# —AFRO helps man back

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to the correctional camp which he described as being "like the deep south where blacks are persecuted because of race."

The AFRO contacted the proper correctional officials and the young man was escorted by an AFRO reporter and photographer to the Maryland Penitentiary where he would stay overnight.

The AFRO was informed he would be returned to another institution but he would not have to return to the Eastern Shore camp. He will be given a job, the AFRO learned.

The inmate entered the camp system in June of 1971. He would have completed his sentence in December. He was serving a 10 year sentence for attempted criminal assault.

Mr. — had served seven years of his sentence and was permitted to do the last six months in the camp.

The camp is an effort to reindtrate the prisoner into society gradually.

In order to get to a camp, the prisoner must go before a board. He asked the board to assign him somewhere close to Baltimore because his wife had difficulties coming to see him.

Instead, the young man was assigned to the farthest camp from Baltimore.

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He is married to a 20-year-old blond woman. She visited her husband every Sunday at the camp.

The prisoner revealed, "When she came down, a white guard using profanity said to another white guard, we aren't going to have this.

"When she told me I got angry and she held my arm and she told me to realize I was on the Eastern Shore and these people think differently.

"Each visit, it was almost like the same thing. Everytime my wife came down, two officers would come directly to the area in which we were seated and stay their and watch us.

"Usually, there is only one guard patrolling a general area.

"I have written authorities about my problem, but I have never received any response until now.

"I don't know if my mail was ever sent out. But I do know, the administration knew the contents of my letters.

"I had a captain approach me with an entirely different attitude than before. He told me that the people at the camp were very liberal."

Mr. —'s troubles did not start at the camp. They started at a state prison when he was behind bars.

"When my wife first started to visit me at the cut, she would be insulted by white guards," he said.

"Not only was it the white guards, but one black guard got fresh with her. They probably thought since she was white and seeing me, she was open stock for any man.

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"I told her report it to the commissioner but she wouldn't because she thought it would get me into trouble.

"At this time, I was trying to get into the camp. She said her skin was tough and she could take it."

The young man told the AFRO about the other forms of harrassment he and his wife received.

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"When she came down, they would pretend they had trouble finding me. I knew she would be coming down and I would be where I supposed to be — in my cell.

"At times, she could wait two and three hours until they decided they would find me.

"On weekends, you are suppose to have 30 minutes for visitation, they would cut mine to 20 minutes.

"I don't feel that I am being persecuted for my crime, but rather for marrying a white woman."


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# —Bullet-riddled

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dying man's wallet.

On further information received, Det. Thomas reports that Sweet was arrested at 9 a.m. on July 7 at his home which is near the rear of the playground.

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Reports show despite the fact the deceased man served well as a truck helper and was a good employee, both he and the accused man were "birds of a feather" as heroin addicts.

Det. Thomas told the AFRO, "It's unfortunate, such a problem."

Dr. Werner Spitz who performed the autopsy reports two bullets went through Mr. Smallwood's right arm into his side and others into his chest near the heart.

Mr. Smallwood was born March 13, 1930, the son of the late Daniel A. Smallwood and Mrs. Indiana Smallwood.

In addition to two daughters, Sharon, 11 and Mary, 9, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Amy Burrell and Mrs. Margaret Knox and two aunts and two uncles.

# —Satchmo buried

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one will ever replace him. He's the one and only."

Police said about 600 mourners walked past Armstrong's bier, two-by-two, in the first 20 minutes after the armory opened. Some brought small children to pay tribute to the jazz immortal. A young woman blew a kiss. Another genuflected beside the coffin.

There was no music and the armory was cool and dimly lit in sharp contrast to the hot July sun outside.

Among the mourners waiting when the doors opened were former Deputy Police Commissioner William Rove and Ernest Broglin, 77, who said he first met Armstrong in New Orleans, where both spent part of their boyhood.

"I had to come," Broglin said, "I loved him as a musician and he was a great one. He was the perfect entertainer. The world loved him. A lot of people tried to imitate him but there will never be another Satch."

Mrs. Elise Leite came from Brooklyn. A grandmother, she wore a large black straw hat and a long dress. She dabbed at her eyes with a handkerchief.

"I remember him as one of the greatest entertainers of all time. I loved his music," she said. "I remember seeing and hearing him in 1961. His death is a great loss to all people. To my understanding, he was the greatest of all.

"There will never be anyone to take his place."

# —14-story

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mid-floor.

"All precautions are taken to stop them, but tenants are scared of the kids, and won't report them.

"We are investigating getting steel floor platforms similar to sample steel encased elevators in Lexington Homes."

At Murphy Homes, two custodians are on elevator service duty 24 hours daily, ready to service them.

Mr. Newton explained, "the elevator company gives "immediate service" in the event of breakdown", and "we have warned families of the violation of the lease when property is destroyed and to restrict their children."

To direct children in meaningful activity, this project offers a Day Camp program, directed by Paisley Grant, Dept. of Recreation, a swimming pool and showers daily.

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Van Story Branch, director, division of Housing Management of HCD, revealed that, "By Congressional law we can no longer put large families in high rise.

"This, however, has been the policy of HCD before the law was enacted in 1968. "We are presently studying ways to transfer large families to vacancies in town houses so that we may put the elderly in as tenants.

"We have an initial grant from the Federal government for $225,000 to start enclosing the high rise and to develop controlled ingress and egress.

"Placing guards in the enclosed buildings will help solve this vexing problem," he added.

Presently there are 18 high rise buildings in public housing. The three other high rise developments are Lafayette, Flag House, and Lexington.


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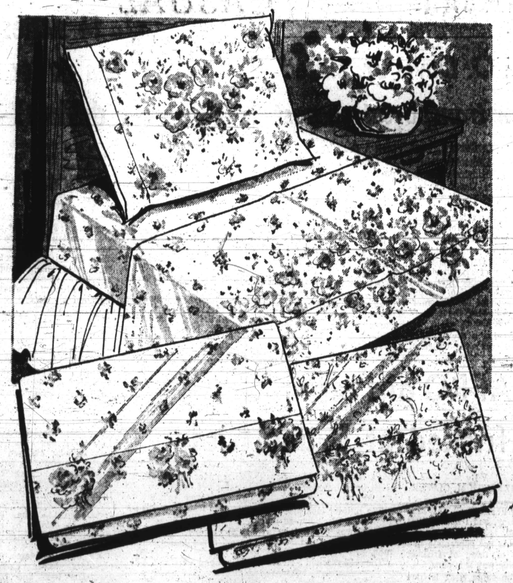
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# —Jury frees Bruno

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Close, advised to find the defendant either guilty of first degree murder, with capital punishment; guilty of first degree murder without capital punishment; guilty of second degree murder; guilty of manslaughter, or not guilty.

The jurist cautioned the jury that in rendering the verdict, they were to "decide what to believe and decide what had occurred" using their own intelligence concerning the defendant under an indictment charging him with murder.

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Baltimore City State's Attorney Joseph Harlan gave the state's closing arguments without the aid of the other assistant state's attorney, Peter Ward who was absent due to illness.

Harlan, contending the state was not required to produce "color motion pictures" to prove the defendant's guilt, asked the jury for extreme consideration of the facts of the case.

He stated:

"I don't think you've ever seen a case where so much has been done to lie" and "cover up, as in this case."

* * *

In his own defense, Bruno claimed he was in the presence of a woman, and a bartender, seated in the rear of his bar at the time the youth was alleged to have been shot.

His contention was supported again and again in the Tuesday and Wednesday testimony of defense witnesses.

Supporting testimony was given by Mrs. Betty Kordell, Harry Long, a doorman at Harry's Corral Bar.

Long testified he saw Bruno leave the bar that night in the company of Mrs. Kordell.

Long said he told the defendant that trouble was brewing outside the bar concerning some black youths and it was then that Bruno escorted Mrs. Kordell to her car.

Bruno testified that while he escorted Mrs. Kordell to her car parked near the bar, on Market Place, "someone told me someone had been shot."

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This testimony was in direct contrast to that of state's witnesses last week.

One of them, Joseph M. Pryor, 19, U.S. Naval Reservist, testified he saw Bruno, along with the other whites who pursued the black youths down E. Baltimore Street.

Pryor added he saw Bruno "make a motion to his waist and draw out something." then, he heard a gun shot and "saw a flash of light" go off in the defendant's vicinity.

Because he didn't want to be involved, Pryor explained, he turned and as he was leaving, heard a second gun shot go off again in the vicinity of Bruno.

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Further conflicting testimony was offered by Gordon "Reds" Nash, a doorman at Kay's Bar, also located on E. Baltimore Street in the Block Area.

Nash was considered a key witness for the state until June 24, when he indicated that he was no longer willing to make statements implicating Bruno as the self-confessed slayer of the McCray youth.

Prior to the time when he changed his testimony, Nash testified at a bail hearing before Judge Anselem Sodaro in Baltimore Criminal Court that Bruno had confessed to him that he "might be in trouble because he had shot the boy."

However, Nash indicated to defense Attorney Russell White that he was no longer willing to testify against Bruno.

Defense attorney White in his closing statements to the jury contended that "no one should be convicted on the type of evidence that had been presented" by the state.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Kordell, first witness for the defense, testified at the Tuesday hearing that she had been in the company of the defendant near the time of the shooting on Feb. 27.

Mrs. Kordell, acknowledged a 14-year friendship with the defendant, testified that she and Bruno on the night of the shooting, had "a couple of drinks" together, and were engaged in a conversation in his bar.

Mrs. Kordell, a mother of 7 in Essex, stated that someone entered the bar and told them there was "trouble brewing outside."

According to Mrs. Kordell, the defendant Bruno, then told her he was going to get her out of there" and escorted her to her car, where he saw her get in her car and drive off.

Under cross-examination, Mrs. Kordell stated she left her Essex home at approximately 11 p.m.

She and her husband, Leroy, manager of Cerino's Bar, 612 Howard St., according to Mrs. Kordell, were to have dinner, together, once his bar closed at 2 a.m.

However, Mrs. Kordell indicated she stopped off at the defendant's bar (Harry's Corral), to discuss with Bruno, arrangements he was making concerning her parking problem.

Mrs. Kordell referred to the problem she faced at that time on a parking place near her employment, the Patapsco Answering Service, located a few blocks from the Corral.

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Harry Franklin Long, doorman at Corral, in his Wednesday testimony, stated that he walked in the bar and told the defendant that a fight was starting outside.

Long stated that he told the defendant, Bruno, there was trouble outside. He said Bruno was with "Betty" and a bartender seated at the rear of the bar having drinks together.

According to Long, Bruno and the lady left and were walking around when someone told him somebody had been hurt.

Long stated that five minutes had lapsed before he saw Bruno return to the bar. Then Long told the defendant that someone had been shot.

Long further testified that Bruno upon returning to the Oasis purchased some cigarettes there.

The defendant Bruno also took the stand Wednesday and stated that he was in the rear of the Harry's Corral Bar with "Betty" Kordell and Sam, a bartender, on the night of the shooting.

Bruno said Harry Long, doorman at Harry's Corral, entered the bar and said there was trouble outside. Bruno stated he left the Corral then with Betty. Someone ran up the street and told them someone had been shot, while he was still in the company of Mrs. Kordell. Following further questioning, the defendant Bruno recalled seeing Gordon "Reds" Nash, a controversial witness in the case, later that evening, following the shooting.

Bruno stated that Nash, at the corner of Baltimore and Gay Streets, was "totally drunk, wild eyed, and unable to stand up."

Bruno said Nash answered "I don't know" when Bruno asked him if he had shot the youth.

# Mrs. Iona Rhodes dies; teacher, minister's wife

"She was a good wife and devoted mother," Thurman Rhodes, was speaking of his mother, Mrs. Iona Rhodes, 52, 2426 W Lafayette Ave., who died suddenly on Wednesday. She suffered a heart attack.

Mrs. Rhodes was a fourth grade teacher at Rodman School No. 204. She was attending Coppin State Teachers' College at the time of her death. She enjoyed sewing and doing church work. Mrs. Rhodes was a member of the Ministers Wives' Alliance.

In addition to her son, she is survived by her husband, the Rev. Thurman H. Rhodes, associate pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church; and daughter Mrs. Sarah Scribner.

Also her mother, Mrs. Mary Adams; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Thornton, Mrs. Luddie Brown, Mrs. Catherine Augustus; three grandchildren, Christina, Scheryl, and Craig Scribner, and a son-in-law, Charles Scribner.

The wake will be at Morning Star Baptist Church, Sunday from 8 to 9 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Monday 11 a.m. at the church, Fayette St. near Carrollton Ave. Burial will be in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

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