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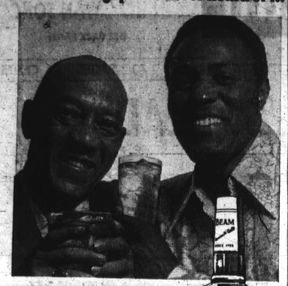

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SADDENED STUDENTS (left panel) were among the mourners for Miss Patricia Leak, 21, at the Wednesday morning funeral mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, conducted by Father James Reddy. Burial followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. (Courtney Photo.) (Right panel) — MOURN CO-ED — Led by her father, James M. Leak and her baby sister, Judy, the family of Miss Patricia Leak, 21, a Morgan State College student leaves Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Washington where mass was said on Wednesday morning. She was slain in Baltimore Saturday night by her ex-fiancee who then took his own life. Mr. Leak, an attorney, is also executive director of District Council No. 20, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. (Courtney Photo.)

Judge refuses to convene court

RICHMOND, Va. — U.S. District Judge Robert R. Merhige, vacationing in Portugal, has refused to convene a three-judge federal court to hear the city of Richmond's proposed school merger with suburban Henrico and Chesterfield counties.

Virginia Attorney General Andrew P. Miller and lawyers for the two counties had petitioned Merhige for a three-judge court because the commonwealth's new constitution, which went into effect July 1, forbade school systems to consist of more than one locality without the consent of all governments involved.

The counties oppose the merger.

Richmond's merger petition was motivated by a search for a more judicially acceptible school desegregation plan without the busing of more than 20,000 children next Fall, already ordered by Merhige.

—Lord, Lord

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last night, Mrs. Lee was still alive. He was too and told me it was an accident. He said he had lain the gun alongside the wall and it went off and hit her. When he saw what happened he turned it on himself."

However, relatives here in the home of Lee's mother, Mrs. Eleanor Lee, Rt. 40 near Kenbridge, are not sure whether the couple had been arguing. But, Mrs. Lee told the AFRO, "They were happy as they could be. They hadn't been home in so long."

She said everyone in the house had gone to bed early. "I fell asleep in my bedroom," she disclosed. "I heard a sound, bang, bang; it sounded like a firecracker.

"I heard my little grandson, Gary, 9, scream, 'Lord, Lord, momma is dead Poppa's shot momma'.

"Then I heard my son say, 'Lord, Lord, my wife is dead. I don't want to live.'"

* * *

Mrs. Lee said at this point the grandson grabbed the gun from the father after he had shot himself through the chest.

"The only thing I could do," Mrs. Lee said, "is to scream for the police and the ambulance."

Ambulances and the police were immediately summoned.

Mrs. Lee was so upset she could not visit her son in the hospital, but she will try to go up to Baltimore for the funeral of her [illegible]

"I don't know what happened. Lil [illegible] mother and Charlie was a good father," she said.

Surviving children are Nancy, 13, Gary 11, Gregory, 4, Glen, 8, and Stella, 21.

Mr. Lee is a presser at the Up-to-Date Laundry on Frederick Ave. and Mrs. Lee was a member of the staff at School No. 101.

She is survived additionally by her mother, Mrs. Mary Moore, 130 N. Aisquith St. and five sisters and three brothers.

Funeral arrangements to be handled by Arlington Phillips, are incomplete at AFRO presstime.

Mr. Lee is 40 and his wife was 37.

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-Pat buried

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third finger, and little finger of her left hand, she wore two delicate silver rings; and a silver bracelet was on her wrist. The only other jewelry was her pearl earrings.

Over 30 bouquets of flowers banked the casket, including a large tier of carnations sent by the OTO's, a club to which her sisters belonged.

Inside the white lined casket was a small bouquet from her parents, all pink. Resting on the casket was a large pink bouquet from the family.

Pat's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Leak (Marie) and her three sisters, Linda, Judy and Audrey stood by her casket shaking the hands of the grieving friends. The family stood close together offering each other comfort.

* * *

Mr. Leak, who is an attorney, was the closest parent to the casket.

At one time he turned and looked at his daughter and burst into tears. Quickly, he removed his glasses and wiped his eyes, stood straight again and thanked the visitors for their expressions of sympathy.

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Over 500 emotional mourners, many of whom were students, attended the Mass offered Wednesday for Miss Leak, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 16th St. and Park Road, NW.

The steps of the church facing a lonely park across the street, were lined with grieving friends and relatives while awaiting the bereaved family.

As the family alighted from the two family cars, followed by 75 other cars, some wept quietly. Mrs. Leak, mother of Patricia totally attired in black, was well composed as she reached for the hand of her husband James M. Leak.

The requiem high mass was a solemn one, communion being offered to the congregation, as the strains of Hallelujah were sung by the choir.

During mass, the Rev. Mr. Reddy tried to comfort the bereaved family with expressions of sympathy from the priest and the parish of the Academy of Our Lady High School which Patricia had attended, and from the Sacred Heart parish where Mrs. Marie is an ardent supporter and member.

Aside from her parents, Miss Leak is survived by her three sisters, Linda, Judy and Audrey; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Chevalier; and a god-sister, Miss Carol Blue.

After the 50 minute service, the body was interred at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

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-Sammy

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uled to be celebrated at the St. Gabriel's Rectory, 26 Grant Circle, NW, a handful of people stood outside, awaiting arrival of the funeral procession.

Shortly before the hearse rounded the corner of Varnum St., the Misses Audrey and Linda Leak, sisters of the dead girl, entered the church.

At about 10:10 a.m., a procession of about 20 cars including the two black family limosines, arrived.

The church was sparsely filled with about 100 people as the procession walked down the aisle with Mrs. Olive J. Byrd, mother of Sammy in front. She wore a white dress with black accessories.

Monsignor D. Joseph Corbett celebrated the mass, consoling the bereaved [illegible] with comforting words of sympathy. The service was short, about 45 minutes.

The attendants, including a few students, appeared emotionally upset by the event of the service.

As mass ended Mrs. Byrd who seemed well composed upon entering the church, walked away with tear-filled eyes, comforted by her son, Thelon, a student at the University of Michigan.

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Pallbearers included some of the same young men who were pallbearers for the Leak funeral on Wednesday: Joseph Suter, Bryan Smith, John Graham, Steve McBride, Thomas Sullivan and Frank Palmer, under the direction of the Jarvis Funeral Home took place at the Lincoln Memorial Park.

Besides his mother, survivors include his father Booker T. Byrd of Washington, (the parents are divorced); his brother, Thelon; his grandmother, Mrs. Ivora Hammond Jones; and his uncle, Thomas Jones.

Born in Baltimore, Samuel attended St. Gabriel's Elementary School in D.C. He was graduated from the Douglass High School in Baltimore in 1967.

His principal at Douglass, Mrs. Edna O. Campbell described him as a very nice boy.

Zambia buys corn from Rhodesia

LUSAKA, Zambia — Zambia, one of Rhodesia's most outspoken critics of white domination of African masses in Southern Africa is forced to buy corn from that country.

Zambia, faced with a heavy drain on her foreign exchange and the problem of keeping four million landlocked people from going hungry, announced last week that it was ordering 1.5 million bags of corn from Rhodesia.

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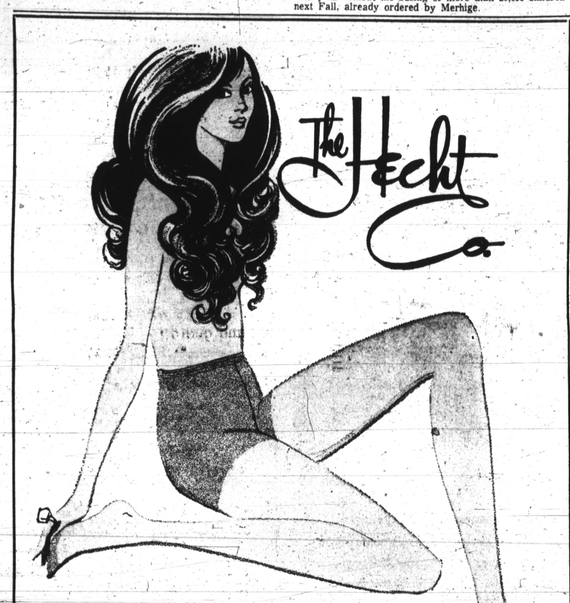

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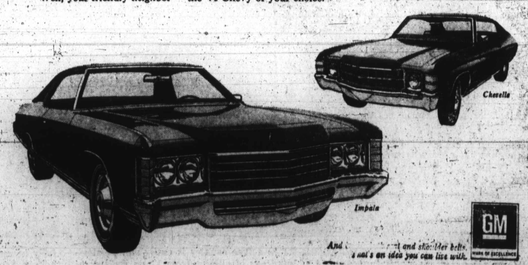

And [illegible] and stay for lots [illegible] a sale's an idea you can live with.

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Inmate releases aid drug seminars

A new policy of special leaves in Maryland correctional institutions now permits inmates to meet the community to take part in drug seminars.

The drug seminars have been sponsored by two inmate self-help groups, the Jaycees and SAND (Seekers After a New Direction), a group of former addicts.

Each inmate speaks to the group about his own personal experience with drugs, then answers questions from the audience.

This discussion fostered by those most closely connected with drug addicts, has given many Baltimoreans a clearer understanding of the problem.

According to Dr. Juliette Simmons, who advises the SAND group and works with drug offenders in Maryland institutions, "The men have found the seminars very gratifying; and the adult groups were quite impressed with the ability of the inmates to speak with frankness and honesty."

Men going through SAND have addressed more than 10,000 people including students at Polytechnic High School, Seton High School and schools in Hagerstown and Frederick.

1,896 jobs coming for youths here

The U.S. Department of Labor has approved additional Neighborhood Youth Corps summer job funds to offer work experience to 2,172 disadvantaged high school youngsters across Maryland, Senator Charles McC. Mathias said Wednesday.

The Maryland Republican said the department had approved extra NYC summer program contracts with the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for 1,896 job opportunities and with the Maryland State Department of Education to provide an additional 276 summer jobs in 21 counties.

The cost to the government is $1,177,370 and is part of a special supplemental appropriation requested by the President to increase summer job opportunities for the disadvantaged. The young boys and girls, 14 to 18 years old, will receive $1.60 an hour and may work up to 234 hours during the summer vacation period.

At the same time, Senator Mathias also announced a grant of $276,000 to the Baltimore City Recreation Department. The funds are to be spent for supplies and equipment for playground activities, organized sports, games, arts and crafts and field trips for disadvantaged youngsters 8 through 13.

These funds are also from the supplemental appropriation and Baltimore is among 111 large communities across the U.S. receiving summer recreation grants.

The additional NYC funds mean that there will be more than 9,450 work sites for disadvantaged youngmer. Earlier the departsters in the state this summest had announced 7,285 job opportunities in the state at a cost to the government of $2,884,860, Senator Mathias said.

In Baltimore City additional NYC job opportunities for the 1,896 youngsters cost the government $980,770. The Department of Education grant of $196,600 will serve 276 youngsters.

Following is the name of the county or the local Board of Education receiving the grant, the number of additional NYC summer jobs and the amount of the grant:

Paul Chester will stay in the race

Paul Chester, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and candidate for the president of the City Council, announced Wednesday morning that he is in the race to stay.

Mr. Chester sees the chances of a black candidate winning the position as very good.

The number of white candidates filing for the post increases the chances for himself and Mr. Douglas, Mr. Chester states.

There are five major white candidates running for the president of the City Council and as a result, the white vote will be split more than in the mayoralty race where there are only two major white contenders for the job.

Mr. Chester in commenting on his opponent, John Douglas' desire to join the Shaefer-Pressman ticket stated, "I cannot see how any black candidate can hope to run a campaign responsive to the interest of black people and at the same time endorse the candidacy of Hyman Pressman."

Mr. Chester is running alone and he thinks this will enhance his chances of winning.

He also doesn't see any conflict in working with whoever becomes the Mayor of Baltimore city.

Russell for Pomerleau meeting

City Solicitor, George L. Russell, mayoral candidate, in his press conference, Wednesday morning, asked for Commissioner Donald G. Pomerleau to retract what he called "remarks which have created a crisis of confidence in his ability to administer the law fairly in the black community."

Solicitor Russell further stated, "I must join with Rep. Mitchell and other black leaders in meeting with the Commissioner about this grave matter."

His reference to joining other black leaders concerns the flurry of public denunciations of Commissioner Pomerleau within the past three weeks, when the Commissioner's remarks "about consorting with revolutionaries" was directed toward David L. Glenn, director of Community Relation Commission (CRC).

Notably, aside from Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th), State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell II, (D-4th) mayoral candidate Del. Hilderardis Boswell (D-4th), called for the Commissioner's resignation.

The CRC, at its meeting on July 21, asked also for an immediate meeting with the commissioner, stating it had been unsuccessful with scheduling a meeting with him for some months.

Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro III, in his statement last week stated that Comm. Pomerleau's statements were "regrettable," yet he thought the commissioner and the CRC were doing a good job.

Governor Marvin Mandel, who had been non-committal last week, at his press conference Wednesday, said he had received no response from anyone in regard to Comm. Pomerleau and inferred that it was a city problem, although he thought the commissioner was doing a good job.

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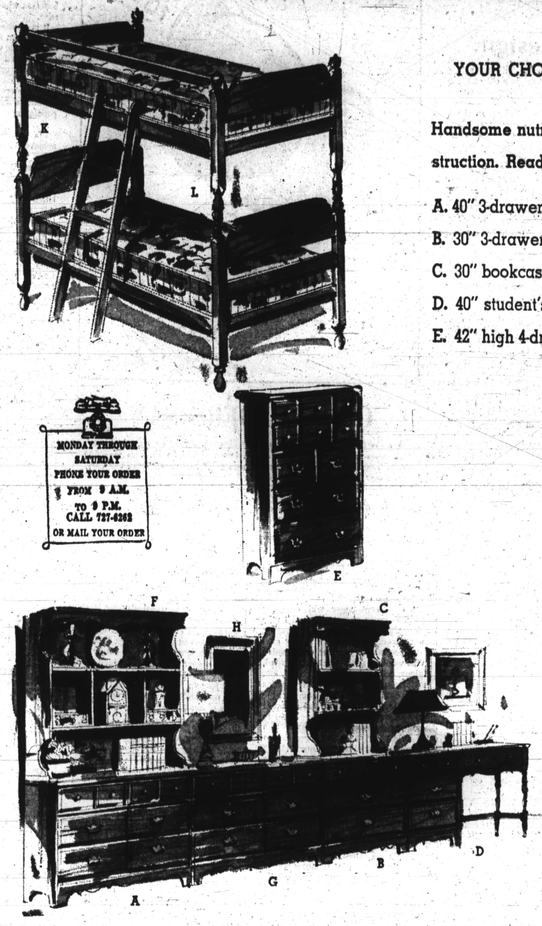

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