Pressman condemns another 'ghetto' book

Comptroller Hyman Pressman at Wednesday's Board of Estimates meeting added a new book to his "condemned book list."

The new member is Claude Brown's "Manchild in the Promise Land." It joins Eve Merriam's "Inner-City Mother Goose" and Jerry Rubin's "Do it!"

The book is scheduled to be added to secondary school libraries in September.

Mr. Pressman wanted the board to halt the purchasing of the book in what he describes as "a deliberate attempt to pollute the minds of school children with smut, filth and suggestions of rape."

City Council President Walter Orlinsky remarked the Department of Education has sole control over the choice of books and directed the comptroller's letter be referred to the Board of Education.

L. Earl Wellemeyer, secondary school English supervisor, told the AFRO the book will be placed on library shelves and will be used as supplemental reading in the elective course, Black Literature.

He stated the course is for 11th and 12th graders who are likely to be "mature readers with a wide background."

The value of this book, he said, lies in its description of a black child growing up in Harlem and exposed to all the negative influences of the area like drugs, crime and prostitution.

—Dr. Julian

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with him in the City Jail as third and fourth class citizens.

"It is quite obvious Warden Schoenfield should have been gone but it is going to take more than a request from me and those who have joined in echoing this request to effect his removal.

"I therefore urged all of our leading citizens who are interested in the City Jail and its problems to join me in calling for Schoonfield's dismissal.

"One or two people like myself and Del. Troy Brailey who issed a similar call are not enough to bring pressure to bear on him."

—Asks $760,000

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man, he was crushed as a result of dangerous and unseaworthy conditions" on the ship, records reveal.

The seaman further alleges he is permanently injured and will require extensive medical care for the rest of his life, the court was told.

A spokesman from the Bethlehem Corporation stated there was no comment on the suit.

—Phone calls

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Commission presented its case and Lawyer Bell only had time for his opening remarks. The hearing will continue on June 16 in the State Office Building.

Delegate Hildegardeis Boswell, a community relations specialist, was fired with Mr. Barnes on similar charges of misusing her telephone credit card. Her hearing began on May 23 and may resume next week.

A third Community Relations division worker, Josef Ahmed, also given the option by Mr. Phillips to resign or be fired, chose to resign.

As to the charge of making $971 in out-of-state phone calls from July 1971 to January 1972, Mr. Bell stated he will prove the calls were conversations with Community Relations experts on institutional racism.

The state also charged Mr. Barnes with "deliberately falsifying expense account reports" by seeking travel expenses on four days he reported sick.

To this, Mr. Bell told Hearing Officer Barry Henderson he will prove Mr. Barnes was "so committed to his work" he would respond to unforeseen trips even if he felt ill earlier that day.

In his cross examination of state's witness Director Phillips, Attorney Bell hinted his defense will rest largely on proving the firings are related to a "running in" between Mr. Phillips and Mr. Barnes. Del. Boswell and Mr. Ahmed over the promotion of a young, white, female beginning investigator.

Mr. Phillips admitted there had been a disagreement.

More about Mr. Barnes' successful efforts in preventing her promotion and Mr. Phillip's reaction to their efforts are expected to be revealed when the defense presents its case beginning June 16.

The Commission's other witness, Assistant State Auditor Kenneth L. Dunn, told the court he found "no authorization" for Mr. Barnes' out of state phone calls.

On questioning by Mr. Bell, Mr. Dunn added the Commission had no set written procedure to grant out-of-state calls and "no authorization" meant Mr. Phillips said there was none.

Treadwell Phillips testified Mr. Barnes' rise to Community Relations supervisor was largely through his recommendations.

He said Mr. Barnes' performance was way above average until the middle of last year when Mr. Barnes "lost some sort of faith in the agency" and "his productivity was limited towards the end of his stay in the agency."

Mr. Phillips added Mr. Barnes' "problems were wrapped around the United Fund — C.I.C.H.A. investigation." He said Mr. Barnes' first report on United Fund was "unacceptible" but the report was "forced" on the Commissioners when Mr. Phillips was in the hospital.

The Commission director noted the Commission also refused the report and he had to rewrite it.

The same problem, he said, happened with the UMBC report. He remarked it like the United Fund report was "filled with a lot of rhetoric and unsubstantiated facts."

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—Councilman

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which is not needed for the actual operation for the facility.

"The amendment would provide that the city would have the right of refusal to buy this property at the original prorated cost to the State plus the cost of any improvements less depreciation.

"I certainly feel that this is a figure ($36 million) which is far too small and as I have stated before represents one of the initial links in the chain of events which may follow, events which will see a systematic divestment of the city of Baltimore of all of its valuable assets.

"I submit that if the sale that is now proposed is a good arrangement as we have been made to believe by the proponents of such, then why should it be necessary to take steps to make this sale, as has been said, more 'palatable' to the public?

"I submit that this amendment is a joke. It is a bit of pabulum being offered. Or it may be like a bit of aspirin to relieve a big headache.

"Such an amendment presupposes a lack of intelligence in the part of Baltimore citizenry.

"If we are as financially pressed as we are then where would we find money for such a re-purchase? And, if we cannot afford to run the airport now, then why should we in the future want to re-purchase any part of it? What could we do with such?

"At the proper time I intend to offer an amendment of my own, which will provide for the submission of this proposed ordinance of sale if passed by the City Council to the qualified voters of Baltimore City for rejection or selection.

"If what is really designed to make the sale of the airport more 'palatable' then putting it on the ballot would provide a democratic way to achieve this desired effect once and for all times."

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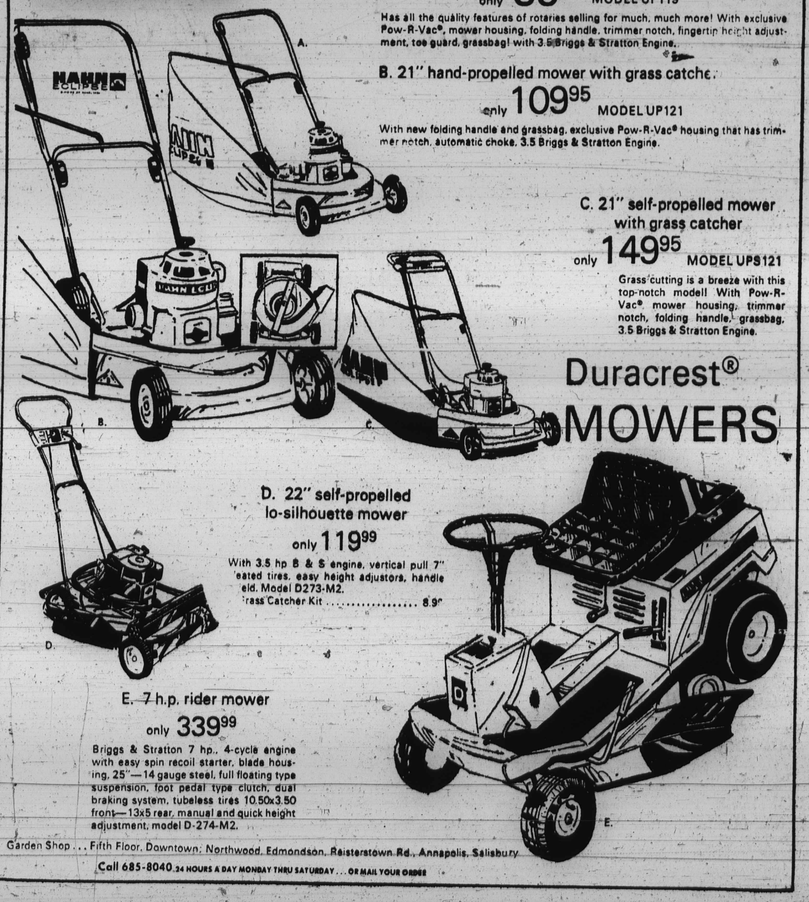

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—Angela fled

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life.

As the defense presented its final arguments in the months-long case, Attorney Leo Branton Jr., told the all-white jury that blacks would know why Miss Davis fled.

"They would only wonder why she allowed herself to get caught," Granton said.

Branton asked the jury members to imagine they were black for a few minutes, but promised to let them quickly "go back to the safety of being white."

"As a black person you know the treatment your people have got in this country even up to the enlightened years of the 1970s," Branton said.

"When you look through the eyes of a black person at the situation Miss Davis found herself in you must realize that no black person in this would wonder why she fled."

Branton said that for this reason there was "no case at all" in the prosecution's contention that Miss Davis fled because she was guilty.

Miss Davis disappeared Aug. 7, 1971, when four persons were killed in a gun-battle at the Marin Civic Center. She was arrested in New York on Oct. 13, 1970, and charged with murder, kidnaping and conspiracy.

Branton said he was sure the jury would agree with him on one thing — "that Angela Davis is no fool."

He said that to believe the prosecution's theory of the case, "you would have to think she was a fool."

Branton suggested that instead of buying a shotgun two days before the gun-battle and signing her own name, Miss Davis would have "thrown a brick through a pawnshop window" or "robbed a gun-shop" to get the weapon.

He also mentioned that 17-year-old Jonathan Jackson concealed the guns he carried into the Marin County courtroom under six books, some of which had Angela Davis' name in them.

"And when she bought ammunition for this "criminal caper, do you think she would have gone to a store where everybody knows her?" he asked.

"Do you believe she was such an idiotic fool?" Branton asked.

The attorney also pointed out that the defense could had Angela at different places in the days before Aug. 7 while the prosecution witnesses identified her as being at San Quentin Prison and in a service station across the street from the courthouse.

"The prosecution would have you weigh their witnesses against ours," Branton said. But the prosecution witnesses were just mistaken, he said, or "you have to believe all our witnesses were perjurers and all the lawyers connected with this case guilty of suborning perjury."

"The real answer is that the prosecution doesn't know at all how they can connect Angela Davis with the events of Aug. 7."

Branton reviewed the days of the slave ships, the punitive slave laws, the bombings in the south when Angela was a child, the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and the raids on Black Panther headquarters up to the date she was fired from her post as an instructor at UCLA.

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He read hate-mail letters she received at that time threatening the Ku Klux Klan types would deal with her, calling her a "Hottentot" unfit to teach young whites, and warning her to "go back to Africa or they will have you."

"And suppose you had been active in the cause" he said. "You had been close the Soledad Brother" meaning Jackson's brother. "You had bought these guns which you read in the newspapers had been used in the shooting. And you had given Jonthan Jackson a shotgun.

"Would you have gone to the police and said, yes, those are my guns, but they were taken without my knowledge and I knew nothing of what was going to happen? As a black person, would you have done that?"

MRS. ROSA MEBANE

Burial for Mrs. Mebane Saturday

Final rites for Mrs. Rosa Mebane, 67, 3500 block Cederdale Rd., who died in her home at 2:05 p.m. Monday after a protracted illness, will be at the Union Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Burial is in the Arbutus Memorial Park.

A native of Baltimore, Mrs. Mebane was a long standing member of the Union Baptist Church. She was a longtime funeral attendant and retired from the Herbert Nutter Funeral Home after many years service last year.

She is survived by her husband Joseph A. Mebane; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Armstrong, Mrs. Margaret McRae; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Gladys E. Comb; one step-son Joseph Mebane, two nephews, a number of grandchildren and a large number of cousins.

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drug problem. Dr. Cheek said, "It is crippling these young people and it is a pity. We are currently conducting our own drug program and pulling out all stops to control it. I have no sympathy. We are going all out to break it up."

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Also arrested are two Morgan students, Miss Josephine Hicks, 20, 3600 block Lucille Ave., charged with possession of paraphernalia, and William Ringgold, 24, 3800 block W. Roger Ave., charged with possession with intent to distribute marihuana and paraphernalia and receiving a typewriter, property of the college.

Also Arnold Jackson, 22, 3200 block Westmount Ave., charged with intent to murder Albertus Grant, 19, 3300 block Garrison Blvd., possession of marihuana and paraphernalia, and his brother, Wayne Jackson, 19, 3200 block Westmount Ave., charged with assault by shooting, possession of gun with obliterated serial, possession of marihuana and paraphernalia.

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Police reports show the arrest was triggered by a shooting and stabbing incident in which Albertus Grant was stabbed three times in the back.

He was treated at the Sinai Hospital and placed under observation. His condition is reported fair.

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Police reports indicated Kevin Barney, 23, 4200 block Maine Ave., who reported his friend was stabbed was arrested early Tuesday morning on an outstanding warrant at Northwest Police station for hold-up of Jean's West Clothing Store in the 6330 block Reisterstown Rd., April 19.

Investigating officer Sgt. Norman Prowt of the Northwest Detail told the AFRO Thursday afternoon that Officers Lyle Stickles Jr., and Gary D'Addario arrived on the scene at about 12:15 a.m.

Sgt. Parker said the victim told them he and his friend, Barney, visited the house in the 3300 block W. Lafers Ave.

While there the officer states, Grant became involved in an argument with Miss Hicks on the front porch.

Officer Parker's report quotes Grant as saying at this time William Ringgold, Gary Rice, Arnold Jackson and Wayne Jackson came out of the house and began fighting with him and Barney.

Police state during the fight several gunshots were fired. Believing his friend had been shot, Barney helped Grant to flee the scene.

Officer Parker stated all the persons were arrested and taken to the Northwestern District.

He stated on searching the house about $15,000 worth of marihuana, paraphernalia, $1.5 currency and a revolver were recovered. Also found were one gerrald turn table, one Morgan typewriter, a triple beam scale and a 6-inch butcher knife.

Police reports show a suspect admitted throwing the knife into the kitchen sink where it was later found.

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