'We told him'...

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has caused the majority of the escapes).

11. Supervisors to back up officers.

12. Uniforms are not sufficient for all guards.

13. The permission to carry fire arms while off duty. (The guards claim that since the jail is only a transit institution, inmates might only be there a day or so; if an inmate takes a dislike to a guard, the guard would be in danger for their life).

14. Immediate resignation of Schoonfield and deputies. (the guards claim that these people are the main source of trouble at the jail).

15. Pay equal to that of the police department. (the guards are doing a harder job they claim).

16. Better retirement plan.

17. No reprisals to any of the officers in reference to Thursday's actions.

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AFRO reporter (Jackie Allen) talked with correctional officers outside the main gates of the jail.

They told her, "The warden is apathetic toward both inmates and officers.

"If you lose the head (Warden Schoonfield) the body will die."

"There are 35 on duty now. If 17 walk out it will be victory for us."

"We've told Schoonfield to his face,w e want his resignation."

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The AFRO also learned from Timothy Wilson, shop steward of Local 44 on C shift, "We refuse to work, we feel that he is definitely one of the problems of the jail as far as morale of the men and even some of the inmates.

"He has made remarks to certain matrons about taking them off the streets and being scrub women and they took Civil Service exams for their jobs they hold."

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Laster also added, "If he remains on, it is our opinion that he will create a situation where as not only the officers' physical well-being will be hampered, but also that of the public. Where as a mass riot or a m a s s b r e a k o u t might occur, which is totally possible as far as the physical plant inside the institution."

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Earnest Crowfoot, council director of Maryland Public E m p l o y e e s Council 67, stated that the guards have a contract stating that there can be no slowdowns or walkouts, so if they do so it will be a wildcat strike.

C r o f o o t, W a r d e n Schoonfield and representatives of the guards went into an extensive Thursday meeting from which the press was excluded.

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The AFRO managed to enter this meeting.

This heated session lasted close to 90 minutes.

W a r d e n Schoonfield stated that he agreed with all of the officer demands except one — the one about his resignation.

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Delegate Walter R. Dean Jr., who was also at the meeting, confided to the AFRO that he would not back the guards if they backed down from their demands for the resignation of Schoonfield.

Schoonfield was constantly directing remarks at the guards and the ladies there.

Near the end of the meeting, he told a matron that she had an illegitimate child which he later apologized for.

When Laster returned to the warden's office, the warden fired him.

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Schoonfield during the meeting, kept reminding the guards of his inability to be fired while he was firing guards left and right.

The group left the jail and headed for the office of Robert Hillman, City labor commissioner.

—Mayor names 4

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within the past five years.

New Board President Turner told the AFRO he believes he was chosen for his managerial experience.

He stated he had never visited City Jail and had not read the report of the Mayor's citizen committee on the Jail, but added, "I d o n't know how many people have read that report."

Dr. Davis also has never visited the jail. She said she has never read any of the recent reports on jail conditions but was "interested in examining them very completely."

She told the AFRO she does not see the need for having an ex-offender or a correctional officer on the Board as they would be too close to jail life to view the jail objectively.

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Mr. Jennings admitted he has no past experience in penal matters. He claimed his financial expertise is needed in preparing jail budgets.

Judge Bilman, a member of the Mayor's jail task force, however, said he would greet the passage of the Orlinsky resolution for it would "open avenues of communication and help."

He declared the troubles of prisons is due to "the accumulation of generations of indifference."

As municipal court judge from 19 6 to 1970, he said he had visited City Jail a number of times. He also recalled when he declared the Central District lock-up to be "the black hole of Calcutta," for the horrible conditions there.

With the announcement of his resignation, Paul Reed claimed he was not leaving under fire, that he had informed the Mayor of his wish to resign in J a n u a r y but kept on through the tide of scathing jail reports.

The Mayor had criticized Mr. Reed as acting like an "assistant warden" and for l e t t i n g Warden Hiram Schoonfield have his own way too often.

Mr. Reed does not leave the jail. He takes on a position even closer — the sensitive problems and complaints of the inmates. He plaints of the inmates. He becomes the jail's hearing officer.

At the press conference, the Mayor also stated he is complying Federal Court Judge Frank Kaufman's decision to have the jail's medical facility reviewed and revised.

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On the advice of the M o n u m e n t a l Medical Society, Johns Hopkins and U. of Md. medical schools, and the Baltimore City Medical Society, the Mayor named a committee, whose members are:

Dr. Philip F. Wagley, Hopkins assistant professor; Dr. Roland T. Smoot, Provident Hospital chief of medicine; and Dr. Arlie R. Mansberger, U. of Md. Hospital direct ool surgery.

Warden Schoonfield watched over the proceedings Room and often repeated his statement he would not resign even if the Mayor asks him to.

Delegate Troy Brailey, (D-40) a frequent critic of the jail administration, told the AFRO:

"In my opinion, Mayor Schaefer should have appointed an entire new Jail Board. This way they could have started from scratch to clear up the awful mess that presently exists at City Jail.

"Further, I think that the mayor should have appointed someone on the grass roots level from the black community to the Board or an ex-inmate who understands the problems of those persons who are presently incarcerated."

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Meeting on psychic abilities

The Society for the Advancement of Mankind will have free, open discussions on Aug. 5, 10 and 31 in an effort to make the public more aware of "telepathy, astral projection and clairvoyance."

The group claims these are only a few of the psychic abilities latent in everyone.

The discussions will be held at Enoch Pratt Library, Central Branch, auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Charles Tate hit by train, buried today

"We are not exactly sure what happened. He was hit by a train at Mount Royal and Cathedral."

These were the words of Charles E. Tate, who was speaking of his brother, Arthur F. Tate, 25, of the 3400 block Dolfield Ave., who died on June 27.

Graveside services were held today (Friday) at Mt. Calvary Cemetery where he will be buried. Born in Richmond, Va., Mr. Tate is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tate; a b r o t h e r, Vincent; grandmother, Mrs. Roberta Nunnally of Virginia.

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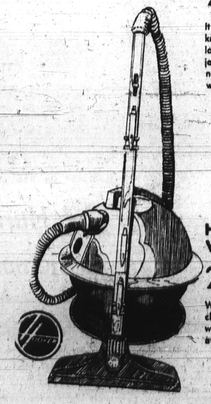

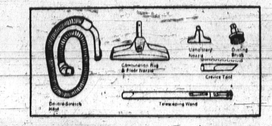

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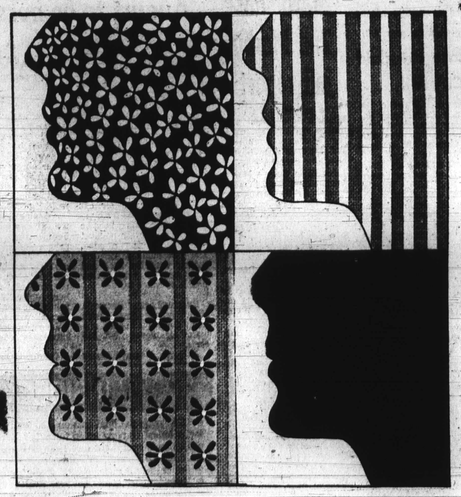

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—Officer Gray

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Drugs who were on duty in the area in connection with unrelated trafficking in narcotics.

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One of the suspects, later identified as George Lester Milburn, 22, is reported to be doing well at the City H o s p i t a l from chest w o u n d s, apparently inflicted by Patrolman Gray. He has been charged with homicide.

The other, Robert Lee Wilson, 25, 1900 block Payson St., is being held in the City Jail without bail on charges of homicide, assault, robbery and unlawfully carrying a bandgun.

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Talking to this reporter from their 900 block W. Fayette home, 18-year-old sister, Bernita Green told the AFRO, "We loved him, he was the world to us."

She stated when their mother died in 1968, Patrolman Gray came home from Vietnam to look after the family.

Since that time Miss Green said she and her two sisters and two brothers had depended on Patrolman Gray for their livelihood. They live with their stepfather in the 900 block Fayette home.

"He played the role of the eldest brother. He took care of us as the guardian," she said tearfully.

A p p a r e n t l y, greatly grieved by the sudden tragic death, Miss Green who often stopped talking and sat silently as she talked to this reporter stated: "I was shocked when they came to tell me."

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The sister is not alone in her grief, for Steve Aye, a neighbor, told the AFRO: "I can't explain my feelings about the incident.

Everybody who knew him loved him. He was a nice person. He got along well."

Wilson Brockington, 4500 block Homer Ave., stated Patrolman Gray was "a warm-hearted and lovely person. The last time I saw him he jokingly told me he was back in uniform and I told him, take care now."

He added, "I didn't see much of him but what I saw impressed me."

Further details on the tragic slaying are reported by Officer William Heath, fellow officer, who was with Officer Gray.

He reports while tracking down a suspect, he met Officer Gray on Jefferson St.

When they were talking together, an unidentified person came and told them two guys with masks had just run into the rear of the Holiday Inn.

As they entered through the rear door of the inn's dinner room, they were approached by two men, one with .38 caliber revolver and the other with a sawed-off gun, police records show.

Officer Heath said while grappling with one of them, Officer Gray pursued the other suspect into the adjacent dining room. Moments later, he said, he heard two or three shots and saw his fellow Officer fall backwards through a swinging door.

He said he rushed to the aid of Officer Gray who was bleeding profusely of chest wounds.

Police records show after struggling with police officers the two suspects were overpowered and transported to the Southeastern district police station.

Police report one of the arrested men, the one who shot Officer Gray, had been arrested twice on illgal possession of a deadly weapon and had been released, on bail on one occasion and on his own cognizance, in the other incident.

Also affectionately known as "Cookie," Patrolman Gray, was born in Mayberry in W. Va. He and his mother lived in Washington until they moved to Baltimore when he was about 12-years old.

He attended the Southern H i g h School and later joined the Armed Forces and served in the Marine Corps in Vietnam.

Divorced, Patrolman Gray has two daughters aged 5 and 4.

Funeral services are at the Morton and Dyett Funeral Home Saturday at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home in the 1700 block Laurens St. from 7 to 8 p.m tonight (Friday). He will be buried in the Harmony cemetery in Washington, Saturday.

—The Freezer's Full

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day 31 bodies were being held.

According to officials, 10 persons have died from heat strokes and another 90 from the high temperatures a n d h u m i d i t y which exaggerated their existing illnesses.

T w o b l a c k morgue wagons have circled this city 24 hours a day picking up the dead, many times arriving on the scene three hours later. A 9:30 a.m. call could not be answered until after noon.

The wagon can carry up to four bodies at a time.

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The AFRO visited the City Morgue Thursday to find out just what goes on behind the scene.

S g t. Stanley Sierako, homicide detective, whose office is at the morgue, told reporters how the wagon goes to the location, picks up the body and brings it to the morgue.

Upon arrival, the body is removed from the wagon and placed on a stretcher. It is then measured and weighed before it is taken into the autopsy room.

Sgt. Sierako added, "This is the only way we can prove the body, giving full description. For example, a w h i t e male, 5'9" tall, weighing 160 lbs."

If the corpse is decomposed, as many are, he said, it is taken through the blue doors where the freezer is. If not, it goes through the red doors on the left.

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Late Thursday morning the morgue had 31 bodies with more coming in every hour. The freezer section w a s "overloaded," Sgt. Sierako added.

"Many bodies come in here loaded with bullets. This is why we put them on stretchers when they arrive just in case some of them fall out. We use that as evidence," he asserted.

Funeral directors in late-m o d e l limousines drive down the 50-foot ramp to pick up the dead. This w e e k many morticians have had to make two or three trips daily.

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"How long does the morgue hold a body?," asked one AFRO reporter.

"We must hold it 4 hours if the body has been claimed, and then we may dispose of it," answered the sergeant.

"On the other hand, if it has not been claimed, we can keep it indefinately.

"We still have the body of the lady in the purple bathing suit who was found in the downtown apartment house pool.

"She's in the freezer section.

"I don't know how much longer we're going to hold her. She's been here for a month now. The freezer is overcrowded now."

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(NOTE:) Sgt. Sierako is one of the police officers who was involved in the Myrtle Ave. shoot-out two years ago. Some six bullets entered his body during the incident.

New rules for laid off city workers

Due to to the high number of city employees laid off especially in the departments of Public Works and Public Schools, the Board of Estimates Wednesday adopted new rules on reinstatement to city jobs.

The old rule calls for a worker, who gets his city job back within 30 days of being laid off, to "receive one step less than the salary received at date of separation, but not less than the minimum salary for the specific classification."

The reinstatement rule is changed to "within 6 mos. of separation, reinstatement shall be as follows:

"a) If the employee be reinstated to his former classification, he shall receive the salary that he would have been entitled had the separation not occurred.

"b) If the employee be reinstated to a classification carrying a lower salary grade, he shall receive the salary that he would have been entitled had the separation not occurred but in no event in excess of the maximum salary authorized for the classification to which he shall be reinstated.

"c) If the employee be reinstated to a classification carrying a higher salary grade, he shall receive the salary that he would have been entitled had the separation not occurred plus one step or the minimum salary that he would have cation, whichever be higher."

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