Bank robbery case ends in mistrial

Federal Court Judge Edward S. Northrop has declared a mistrial in the case of robbery suspect Timothy (Piggy) Brewer.

The announcement came after the jury said there was "no hope" of reaching a final verdict.

Brewer, an unemployed pipe cleaner, was charged with the robbery of the First National Bank, 1 Charles Center in which $3,300 was taken and also for the robbery of the First National Bank, 14 N. Eutaw, in which $32 in quarters was taken. Both holdups occurred last December.

The U. S Attorney must now decide whether Brewer should be retried or whether charges will be dismissed.

Cloths allegedly worn by Brewer during the robbery were introduced as evidence in the trial but could not be linked to the defendent. One witness positively identified him as the robber, while another claimed the opposite.

MARCH 6

Dr. A. Babatunde Fafunwa, dean of the college of Education, Ife University, Nigeria, will speak on "Tradition versus Modernity" before an All-College Assembly at Bowie State College, Tuesday March 6, 11 a.m., in the Science Building Auditorium, room 018.

CHECK THIS GIFT—Morgan State College President Dr. King V. Cheek (2nd from left) accepts a $3,500 contribution check from Vernon Sims of Commercial Credit Co. George A. Pruitt, Morgan vice president for student services. (L), and James Roberts, Morgan director of career planning, watch the presentation.

National Alliance called healthy by prexy Harris

"The National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees (NAPFE) is the only union that sincerely has its members at heart "claimed Clifton Harris president of the NAPFE.

In a recent report to membership of the union, Harris stated the unfavorable decision rendered to the National Labor Relations Board's injunction has left the group "spellbound". He hopes the NLRB will appeal this move.

Harris added that the Alliance will continue to represent its membership despite the fact it is not allowed to use certain procedures which handicaps it in the bargaining sessions.

First Vice President of the Alliance William B. Garrett claimed the Alliance is not only still alive, but is quite healthy too. Many people he said, predicted the Alliance would die with the signing of the Postal Reorganization Act in 1972.

Both men stated the Alliance has a record that every federal employee should be aware of many — many grievances of employees have been solved satisfactorily with the aid of the Alliance.

E. Biddle St. opening set

Mayor William Donald Schaefer announced today that the long awaited street connection of Biddle St. between Broadway and Gay St. will open with appropriate ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. on Monday.

The street connection will make possible a new route connecting downtown Baltimore with the eastern section of the city.

FEB. 25

The Maryland Residential Manpower Center at Woodstock will hold open house Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with the public invited. The center is celebrating its first anniversary with an open house-parents day program.

Nursing homes commission hears public

By BRENDA J. WRIGHT

The Governor's Commission on Nursing Homes held its second public hearing Saturday and listened to suggestions, complaints and praise on the care of the elderly in Maryland.

Among those testifying was Mrs. Mary Cline, a registered nurse and Director of Nursing at the Ivy Hall Nursing Home, who said she was not speaking as a representative of the home.

Mrs. Cline, who was applauded throughout her speech by the audience of almost 100, asked the seven-member panel, "Why is it that no one questions those who administer the care to the elderly patients?"

Mrs. Cline, who stated that she had been involved in geriatrics 30 years, suggested that the state give more money for training nurses and a specialized training program for nursing assistants.

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Another witness, Mrs. Faith C. Larmore, a registered nurse at Springfield State Hospital assigned to the geriatric team said she homes last fall before placing elderly potients in them. homes for their "homelike atmosphere" and tolo the commission "the ones where I wouldn't put anybody were few and far between."

Among those testifying were relatives of patients in nursing homes. They told of incidents of inadequate medical care and complained of the handling of patients' personal funds.

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Also under sharp criticism were the homes owned or operated by the Community Health Facilities, Inc. One of the members of the Board of Directors of Community Health is Del. Richard Rynd (D., 2nd, Baltimore Co.)

One of its homes, the University House, 501 W. Franklin St., is now under state investigation.

Gov. Mandel appointed the nursing home commission in 1971 afted a salmonella epidemic killed 25 persons in a Baltimore nursing home.

The commission is makderly, noting what services are available and how accessible they are to those ing and effort to assess rom-

Sirhan move rejected by high court

The Supreme Court rejected this week an appeal by Sirhan Sirhan, convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, that he was denied a fair trial and that new evidence would show his innocence.

Without comment and by a 7-0 vote, the court refused to grant a hearing to Sirhan who was found guilty of fatally shooting Kennedy in a Los Angeles hotel kitchen during the 1968 presidential primary campaign.

Justices Byron R. White and William O. Douglas declined to participate in the court's action. Both were close personal friends of the late New York Democrat.

In their appeal, Sirhan's lawyers, Roger S. Hanson and George R. Milman of Beverly Hills, raised 12 legal arguments, including a claim that police had conducted illegal searches of his home after the June 5, 1968, shooting.

They also said that although Sirhan "was captured at the scene wielding a still smoking gun," they would be able to produce new "significant physical evidence" to show he had not fired the fatal bullets.

The court took these other actions:

Agreed to review a federal law aimed at denying Agriculture Department food stamps for the needy to college students. A lower court in the District of Columbia struck down the restriction as unconstitutional.

Let stand a lower court ruling which declared an Alabama anti-busing law unconstitutional and declined to hear an appeal from federal court orders that the city of Memphis, Tenn., must launch a massive busing program to eliminate segregation in its schools. UPI)

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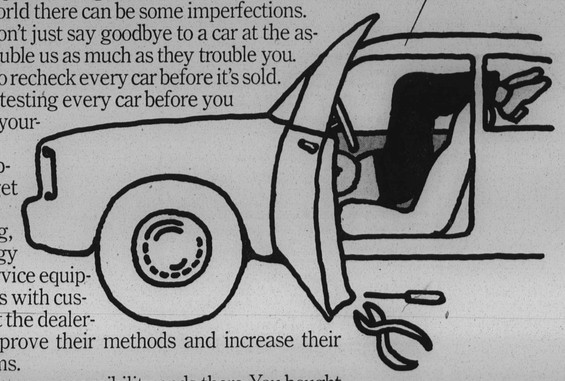

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Eastside Youth's Rich Uncle Leaves Him $500,000 In Cash

By PAM WIDGEON

A 22-year-old East Baltimore man who weighs 180 pounds and is six feet tall reports he has inherited a half million dollars from a rich uncle.

When the AFRO called his home to verify the $500,000 windfall, this reporter was told, "My 72-year-old uncle died in September. I did not know he was dead until January.

"Uncle Irvin was a general builder in Canada. I received a telegram from my aunt stating that he was dead and to come to Canada as soon as possible. This is my father's brother.

"I did not go to Canada. About a week later I received a letter from a lawyer in Canada stating that I had inherited a large sum of money."

The AFRO realizes that our readers are wondering who this fortunate man is but we are requested not reveal his name for his own protection.

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He continued, saying, "First I thought someone was playing a joke on me. I received a form letter from a lawyer. I filled it out and returned it. About a month later I received a check for $500,000. He left me the money and his wife received the property.

The AFRO asked the 22-year old wealthy man how he plans to spend his money.

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He laughed and said, "I am planning to invest some in property. I want to settle down and get married.

My next question to him was, does he have a girl friend? Again he laughed and said, "No. I don't but I am sure I won't have a hard time to find one now."

The lucky East Baltimore man is a high school graduate who has worked for a construction company for three years. The last thing he said was, "My uncle liver with my family when I was small and we were very close. I had no idea I would be left in his will."

1,000 expected at Blue Ribbon Tea

The 29th Annual Blue Ribbon Tea of the Eastside Community Committee, Inc., sponsored by the Women's City-Wide Committee for Delinquenary Prevention is set for Sunday, 4 p.m. at the Dunbar Community High School. Over 1,000 persons are expected.

In order to raise funds to send children to camp and have them participate in other enriching activities, the Eastside Community Committee has undertaken this venture for 23 years, always reaching its goal.

Last year's tea profits which totaled, $3,311.51, helped Eastside residents to send many children to summer recreation camps, enroll them in educational program and to have them attend various types of cultural activities.

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Again this year, with the help of many Baltimore politicians, clergymen, and interested citizens, the committee hopes it will be able to continue the success of former endeavors.

Julian named in $7 million libel suit

Still unable to get a job some 6 months after he was fired, former City Jail Warden Hiram L. Schoenfield on Wednesday filed a $7 million libel suit against City Councilman Dr. Emerson R. Julian (D. 4th).

He charged the Baltimore physician with slandering him in a TV interview, with scheming to replace him with a black warden and with causing the Jail Board to lose faith in him.

Dr. Julian on Thursday told the AFRO, "I'm not going to comment right now."

The suit was filed in Baltimore County by Schoenfield's attorney, Patrick O'Doherty, who has requested a jury trial for his client.

Training school reforms demanded

In what may be a forerunner to a massive class action suit against the state, a group of prominent Baltimoreans has issued a 50-page report calling for sweeping reforms in the juvenile justice system.

Reforms include complete phasing out, over a three-year period, of Maryland's four training schools for juvenile and replacement with community-based facilities; the ending of racial and sexual discrimination within the system and abolition of isolation cells and maximum security cottages.

The study, "A Call for Reform of Maryland's Training Schools," was released today (Friday) jointly by the NAACP's Legal Defense and Educational Fund's Division of legal information and community service, and the citizen group, the Task Force on Equal Justice.

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The 10-member task force conducted on-site in-

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TWO WOMEN MARRY — These Army Wacs who recently exchanged wedding vows in San Francisco have been granted honorable discharges; but the minister who wed the two women says the marriage is "null and void." The couple, Gail Bates (L), Washington, D.C. and Valerie Randolph, Faustimille, Md., told a news conference, Monday that they were both heterosexual until they hit it off in basic training, which is exclusively female company. The women joined the Army June 30 and took their basic training together at Ft. McClellan, Ala. (UPI Telephoto)

Mayor Schaefer names City Jail Co-ordinator

"The Mayor is following the Baltimore City Jail situation very closely," was the reply from the mayor's office Thursday to Del. Troy Brailey's request for a complete investigation.

The delegate had asked the mayor to personally investigate lack of police response to the Saturday night jail disturbance involving teenage inmates who caused an estimated $50,000 in damages.

Mayor Schaefer announced Thursday appointment of a member of its staff as a Jail Co-ordinator.

Ralph G. Murdy, by agreement of the Jail Board and Police Commissioner Pomerleau, is authorized to carry out jail

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NEWSTIPS

$50 a WEEK is what the AFRO pays for news tips. You can win if you call AFRO City Desk, 728-8200, and say, "I've got a news tips." Share in the AFRO's Jackpot!

Big 'Cile' to get lie detector test

Mrs. Lucille (Big Lucille) Wescott writes the AFRO that arrangements are being made for her to get an arm cup large enough for a lie detector test.

She also states that Commissioner Pomerleau's promise to probe her assertions of Police Department irregularities is becoming a reality.

She states that Internal Investigation Division officers have been to the women's institution at Jessup to talk to her.

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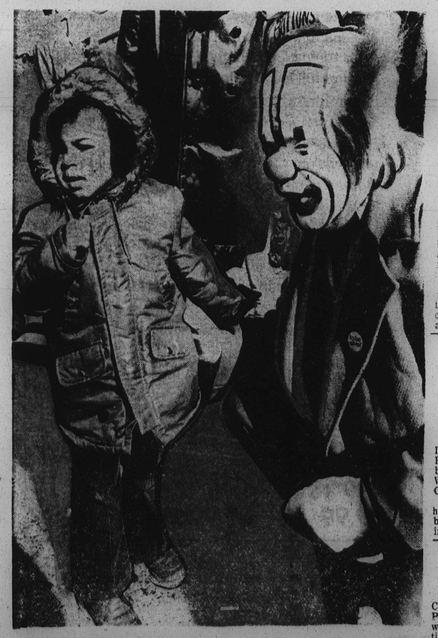
Mrs. Wescott is serving a 15-year term there on a narcotics violation conviction.



KIRK R. JOHNSON looks desperately around for his mother to come to his aid as Buttons, the Barnum and Bailey Circus clown latches on to his arm. Perhaps the youngster will enjoy the performance later during the show's stay at the Civic Center.

Civic Design spends $126,000 on school art

The Civic Design Commission, which selects art for city buildings, at its first public meeting Thursday in the nine-year history spent about $126,000 on art for schools.

Commissioners William Gitte, Orin Bullock and Mrs. Jody Albright approved a $5,400 metal-sculptured street scene on the lobby of the remodeled Transit and Traffic office at 414 N. Calvert St. The artist is Thomas Hofmaster.

The agency, which can spend up to one per cent of the building's construction cost on art, then gave final approval to the already award-winning design of the Dunbar High School fountain (costing up to $100,000). The artist is Stafford Rolph.

A $26,000 fountain monolith for Federal Hill Elementary School (No. 45) at Cross and Williams Sts. also received the Commission's final go ahead. The artist is Edmund Waiting.

Over the past two weeks, the Commission's actions have been challenged by City Councilman Dr. Emerson R. Julian (D.4th), who has declared that 1 per cent of school buildings' costs can be better spent on repairs in older school facilities.

WAC's father refuses comment

By LARRY BROWN

One of the two Wacs who were married in early February in a public ceremony in San Francisco, grew up in Washington and attended McKinley High School, according to the woman's family.

Army Private Gail J. Bates, 19, whose family lives in the 3300 block of Bladensburg Road, NE, was married to a fellow Wac, Pvt. Valerie Randolph, 18, whose home is in Maryland.

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The ceremony was conducted by a gay liberation minister, the Rev. Ray Broshears, who heard the marriage vows at the Helping Hand center, a reputed establishment for homosexuals, that he directs.

Pvt. Bates was in Washington last week to visit her ailing father who underwent surgery at a local hospital.

Her father told the AFRO that his daughter left the city Saturday to return to Fort Ord in California where she is stationed.

Talking to AFRO reporters from the living room of his small frame house on busy Bladensburg Road, the father refused comment on the marriage.

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"I have nothing to say about that mess. I just have nothing to say." And that is all Mr. Bates would say.

He said his daughter did not mention her involvement in marriage nor did she say she was planning to leave the military.

An information specialist at Fort Ord, Major J.D. Coleman, confirmed reports that Pvt. Randolph has been discharged from the Army since the marriage.

He said Pvt. Randolph confessed openly to homosexuality before an Army board and that admission warranted her release.

Pvt. Randolph was given an honorable discharge from the military but the release carries a notation that she was separated because of her homosexual pervasion," Maj. Coleman said.

He said Pvt. Bates, absence from the Army base due to her father's illness postponed her appearance before an Army review board which will decide if she should remain in the service or be discharged as her mate has been.

Pvt. Bates was due back at Fort Ord on Monday. The Army is expected to announce a decision on her status later this week.

Both women participated in a press conference headed by the Rev. Broshears, in San Francisco this week. The two are expected to fight the army's action toward their union.

Pvt Bates enlisted in the WAC last June and was being trained in a clerical capacity. She received her basic training at Fort McClellan in Alabama.

Md. couple victorious over white swim club

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. and Mrs. Harry C. Press Jr. broke the color bale Tuesday at the Wheaton-Haven Recreation Club.

The Silver Spring couple had waged a five-year-old battle for the right to swim in the club's segregated pool before a unanimous Supreme Court decision ruled in their favor.

"We have a swimming pool in our backyard," Mrs. Press commented to the AFRO. "But my husband and I just decided to

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1st prize for AFRO Clean Block

The AFRO's Clean Block Campaign has won First Prize in the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association's Classification, C-8 — Public Service Crusade Series for weekly and twice weekly papers with over 10 thousand circulation.

Mrs. Ida M. Peters, director and John H. Murphy III, AFRO president, will be present at the awards luncheon Saturday at the New Carrollton, Md. Sheraton Inn when certificates are presented all editorial winners from area newspapers.

Punish youth for starting jail riot

Sgt. Bernard Young, Baltimore City Jail control section, told the AFRO that Titus Stokes, 17, has been found guilty by the jail hearing board of assaulting an officer, taking his keys and opening cells to begin Saturday's $50,000 riot.

Stokes received 30 days isolation, with no visitation except for his lawyer; no recreation and no commissary privileges except for health and toilet articles.

U of Md. minority study offers new solutions

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—A series of recommendations designed to assist minorities at the University of Maryland's College Park Campus were made this week by a special Commission on Minority Student Education.

The nine-member commission, headed by Dr. Dorothy A. Evans, assistant professor of psychology, requested that Chancellor C. E. Bishop outline a "master plan" reflecting the recommendations.

Dr. Bishop said he would give the Commission's report and recommendations "immediate and careful study and consideration."

The faculty-student-staff commission recommended:

Establishment of an Office of Minority Student

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