# —Turk Scott

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were waiting this morning (Friday) for verification from the Medical Examiner's Office but Dennis Hill, police department spokesman said, "We think that he was shot twice with a shotgun and twice with a hand gun."

CUT ON THE NECK

In addition there was a gash on his neck that may have been from a gun or a cut, Mr. Hill said.

Mr. Hill said at this point there are no witnesses and investigators could find no one who had heard gunfire.

He noted, "In order to enter Sutton Place garage, you need a special card. You put it into a slot and it raises the door and lowers it."

The garage level is the basement floor. Above that is another floor, the lobby.

THE EVENING BEFORE

Mr. Hill said Del. Scott was wearing a dark brown suit, a summer double knit and the Medical Examiner has his clothing.

"They have been unable to find any relatives."

He stated we are trying to reconstruct the crime. We want to know if Del. Scott was coming in or going out the garage. We want to know what happened the evening before he was shot.

BLACK OCTOBER

Black October, a group of unknown men, supposed to be returned Vietnam veterans, left what police believe to be their "calling card."

Leaflets found by police at the scene said, "Black October" and showed a crude drawing of a machine gun.

Another on legal-sized paper states, "These persons are known drug dealers. Selling drugs is an act of treason. The penalty for treason is death."

Police believe the Black October group, however mysterious, is responsible for the gangland-style execution of Del. Scott.

They admit however what they know about the group is still in the "rumor" stage and only have some spray-paint writing on walls about the city as evidence.

APPOINTED IN DECEMBER

Del. Scott was appointed in December, 1972 to become the successor to 2nd Distsict Delegate Floyd B. Adams who died in November, 1972.

The appointment was made by Gov. Marvin Mandel after the recommendation was made by the 2nd District State Central Committee.

GOV. MANDEL

When the AFRO reached the governor's press secretary in Annapolis Gov Mandel was attending the funeral services for Judge Simon Sobeloff in Baltimore.

The message from Mandels, "Del. Scott's death is tragic, very unfortunate."

CHARGES AGAINST SCOTT

Del. Scott and Charles (Piggy) Sedgewich, a longshoreman, were placed under Federal government charges April 2 as co-conspirators in a $10-million dope ring.

A Federal Grand Jury handed down the 8-count indictment which claimed they knowingly combined to manufacture, distribute and dispense heroin.

The indictment said Del Scott's part was to arrange for delivery of the drug into Metropolitan Baltimore from the Southern District of New York. It said in January, 1973 Del. Scott did possess seven kilograms of heroin with intent to distribute.

INDICTMENT

The indictment states that Charles Sedgewick was caused by Scott to redistribute to other individuals, co-conspirators (not charged) Norman Lee Colman, Benjamin Davis Jr., (Eggie Davis), Robert Lewis Thomas (Sarge); Gilliam and Eddie Lee Tucker. Others not yet apprehended or charged are supposedly in Federal touch as Federal witnesses.

Nelson R. Kandel, Scott's attorney maintained that the arrest in April of Scott as he came from the floor of the House of Delegates in Annapolis, and subsequent publicity in headlines around the world, would keep him from ever having a fair trial.

Federal Judge Frank A. Kaufman allowed the trial be moved to Richmond, Va. and set the date for Aug. 20.

BODY UNCLAIMED

The body remained at the Baltimore at AFRO presstime. Dr. Russell Fisher, chief medical examiner, refused any comment at all saying he would issue a statement at 2 p.m. "for all the press."

Refused was any information as to what undertaker the body might be given and wait member of the family had or will claim the body.

Also refused was information as to whether the death bullet has been discovered by autopsy or whether any relative had given permission for an autopsy.

As far as the AFRO can learn, 18-year-old Miss Tina Scott, his daughter, is closest survivor. Del Scott was divorced. Other relatives are said to be morticians in Washington.

DELEGATE James (Turk) Scott, in a last photo with his daughter, was caught by AFRO photographer in January when he was sworn in as a member of the House of Delegates. His daughter, Miss Tina Scott, 18, is enrolled in a private college on the Northern coast. Del. Scott was divorced. Closest relatives reside in Washington.

SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY
*he wanted the facts*
(AFRO Photo by Benjamin M. Phillips IV)

# —Pastors

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nected with dope traffic, on the Block or on the Avenue, in the Pen or City Jail, regardless of race or religion is not safe. They (Black October) have vowed to get them all.

"I wouldn't be surprised if another one comes, today, Friday the 13th Their plans are laid. There is no need to run. Black October is in Washington, everywhere. There's no hiding place.

PREACHERS

"On the list are two Baltimore preachers, another member of the Maryland House of Delegates and an Eastern Shore figure (white) a friend of Del. Scott; several Kings on the Block and about 10 others who are bound to go."

PIGGY FEARS FOR LIFE

Meantime, the AFRO learned from Robert Carr, attorney for Charles (Piggy) Sedgewick, the man indicted along with Del. Scott, that he (carr) he was on his way this morning (Friday) to talk with the Federal government "about protective custody for my client!"

Mr. Carr said, "I heard that some people would be gunning for Del. Scott but I never dreamed it was to come about.

"I am worried about Piggy Sedgewick. I am going to talk to the government.

"We were defending these two men without actual knowledge of anyone else involved.

"Neither one of them would ever turn witnesses for the government. I just don't know what to say except we believed them innocent."

WHAT LEGISLATORS SAY

The AFRO called members of the House of Delegates who had known Del. Scott since he was sworn in January as one of their colleagues.

Del. Frank Conaway: "The only thing I can say is that it's unfortunate and I'm shocked.

"My heart-felt sympathy goes out to his family. It's always the people left behind that have to bear the brunt of these unfortunate situations.

"I would hope that the public would respect the family to the extent that they show kindness and consideration."

Delegate Joseph Chester, dolph, president of the Black Caucus: "I think it's a terrible end, whether the man was guilty or not. I'm extremely sorry for his daughter."

Delegate Joseph Chester, I'm deeply sorry that something like this had to happen. His family has my deepest sympathy."

Delegate Isaiah Dixon: "It's unfortunate for his friends and relatives that his case won't be tried because they felt that he would probably be found not guilty. Naturally, the case will be closed and the dockett will say abated by death.

"In the few days that I've known Mr. Scott in the legislature he was a very fine person and was well liked by all of his colleagues. I do feel for his family and hope something will come along and remove the cloud from his name."

# —Sterilization

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testimony, stated that a public document "Voluntary Sterilization Services," designed to protect the medical and legal rights of the poor, had earlier been suppressed by OEO and the administration.

Hern said that the guidelines had been developed to assure proper administration of the sterilization service by specifying that OEO patients be provided adequate counseling, that the patient not be coerced in any way and that only those patients able to give meaningful informed consent themselves could receive voluntary sterilization operations.

Hern said that he felt that had the guidelines been followed, the Alabama sterilization would not have occurred.

Howard Phillips, former acting director of OEO, said in his statement that he had no knowledge of the sterilizations taking place, and that he was "opposed to any use of federal funds for sterilization or abortions."

Senator Kennedy in response to the testimonies, said that the Subcommittee would do its very best to see to it that an incident such as the Alabama sterilization does not happen again.

Kennedy said that actions such as this is simply not justified and that "a country that has a biomedical research program second to none must also have, and will have, if this Subcommittee has anything to do about it, a system for the protection of human subjects of research second to none."

In a statement, by Congressman Ralph H. Metcalfe, D-Ill. and chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Subcommittee on Health, he called upon the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a thorough investigation of family planning agencies using federal funds for sterilizations, to determine the number of such sterilizations performed and whether such sterilizations are legal and medically ethical, and whether there are guidelines to permit the sterilizations.

Congressman Metcalfe was promoted to ask for the investigation by the Alabama sterilization of the Relf girls and the knowledge that sterilizations have been performed on 11 other minors by the same Montgomery clinic.

Minnie and Mary Alice Relf were given tubal sterlizations on June 14 under the direction of the Family Planning Clinic of the Montgomery Community Action Committee, Montgomery, Ala., an OEO funded project, according to Joseph Levin, attorney for the Relf family.

## AFRO cub reporter goes to D.C. hearing on girls' sterilization

By Mary Curtis

In the U.S. Senate Building's room 4232, I witnessed a drama on Tuesday morning. All the necessary elements existed.

The stage was set. Bright television spotlights glared out from every corner. A row of cameramen lined one wall, eagerly waiting for the much publicized hearing to begin on the cases of two Alabama girls who were sterilized.

This was my first time to visit a top law-making body in Washington.

Curious spectators stood along the other walls squatted uncomfortably in the narrow aisle, and crowded the corridor. They also wanted to see the show and perhaps catch a close glimpse of subcommittee chairmam, Sen. Ted Kennedy.

Members of the press filled almost half the seats. Among them, reactions varied. I suppose that to some veteran reporters the situation held little excitement. One dozed off from time to time, while another read a book. This newcomer was entranced.

I sat on the platform with the subcommittee, overlooking the proceedings. I wanted to see it all.

Although the room was air-conditioned, the tenseness and anticipation generated heat.

The principal characters began to assemble.

As Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Relf entered the hearing chamber a freezing chill ran through my body. I quickly recognized the look of concern in their eyes as the one which I had seen many times in my own parents' eyes.

I realized that it could just as easily have been my parents experiencing the Relfs' mental anguish.

Mrs. Relf's scarred face tried in vain to remain calm. Her blue knit dress accented her petite frame, that appeared even smaller once seated in the red plush chair.

Mr. Relf, a tall, gray-haired man, occasionally patted his wife's arm. She would glance in his direction, but her wide face never changed from its worried expression.

His brow was wet with perspiration. His long hands moved constantly, rubbing against his forehead or each other. His plain brown shirt and dark pants were neat.

The two natives of Montgomery, Ala. looked to be hardworking, humble people unfamiliar with their surroundings, but trying nevertheless to obtain justice for their daughters.

I found myself sitting just six feet from another major character in the drama, the chairman of the subcommittee and questioner, the only member present, Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass.).

(Among the absent members of the subcommittee was Sen. Glenn Beall, R-Md.).

It was the first time that I had seen the famous senator in person, I was immediately impressed by the genuine concern in his face.

At that point I wondered about the other senators who did not appear. Where was their concern?

Sen. Kennedy spoke slowly, solemnly throughout the questioning. He seemed especially sensitive to the parents' feelings. He has children. Perhaps he thought of them.

After warmly welcoming the Relfs he said the purpose of the hearing was "to make sure the same kind of thing will never happen again."

He did not rush or pressure the parents, but urged them to take all the time they needed to tell their story.

Mr. Relf explained that the day his two daughters were sterilized he thought they had gone to the hospital for shots. "I didn't know what happened to them," he said.

"Were you upset when you found out they had been sterilized?" Sen. Kennedy asked quietly, but firmly. "I was upset, I'm still upset," Relf answered.

Mrs. Relf bowed her head and had to be encouraged to speak up. Sen. Kennedy asked her to tell all she knew about the situation.

She explained that the nurse had told her that her daughters would receive shots. "I signed my X thinking I was givin' permission for those shots," she said.

"I wouldn't have let them do it," she half-cried. Her low voice volume changed when asked how she felt after she found out that her daughters had been sterilized. "Angry," she severely stated, "very angry."

Both parents smiled softly when Sen. Kennedy described their daughters as "warm, wonderful girls" and then thanked them for having the courage to testify.

The two Relf girls, Minnie, 14, and Mary Alice, 12, accompanied their parents but testified in a private session.

When the hearing recessed, many of the participants and spectators left the chamber, but for me it was not over. I had witnessed a crisis in the lives of two people and their presence remained.

It is hard for me to understand how anyone could deprive two young girls of their right to ever have children.

All too true are the words of Dr. Warren Hern, a Denver physician with OEO's family planning unit.

In reference to the Relf case he said "there are people in the Public Health Services in the United States who have a punitive attitude towards people who are on welfare and therefore would go out of their way to have them sterilized."

# The AFRO on the scene

By Benjamin Phillips

It was 1:44 Friday morning when a guy coming home parked his car front wards and saw half of a body lying on the ground of the garage of Sutton Place. Upon recognizing the body he drove around the garage quickly to see if someone was there and then he went upstairs and told someone who called the police.

The boby found was that of Del. Turk Scott who was shot three times by a shotgun in the chest and leg. Officers on the scene would allow no photographs of the body to be taken.

However, Dennis Hill, police department spokesman, disclosed that Black October circulars were found near the body.

Homicide Detective Corbin is the officer in charge of the on the scene investigation

As of 4 a.m. there was no idea of the number of suspects or the exact time of the shooting.

The body had not been moved and detectives on the scene were still gathering information.

The scene at Sutton Place which is located at Howard St. and Park Ave., is one of tight security with officers guarding the entrances to the basement-garage and making sure to keep everything as it is for the finger print men.

Building occupants who knew Scott can't believe its happened and some believe he didn't have an enemy in the world.

# Friday morn at 1111 Park

By Pam Widgeon

When the AFRO went to the Sutton Place this morning (Friday) there were spectators, reporters, photographers and police standing in front of the apartment house at 1111 Park Ave.

The AFRO noticed that there were only a few parked cars on the lower level of the dark, deserted garage where Del. Turk Scott was slain.

Miss Gloria Johnson, receptionist at the front desk told the AFRO "Before driving into the garage you have to insert a card in a machine. Only tenants have the card to the garage. Once you place your cord in the machine, the automatic doors will open."

A tenant who was walking around in the lobby stated "There is a security guard here at night. Before you get on the elevator the receptionist at the desk uses a key to open the door for you. This building is well secured at night."

This reporter heard a tenant at the front desk say to the receptionist "My phone has been ringing all night. If anyone calls me today, I am not receiving any calls because of all the excitement going on."

The AFRO tried to talk to the tenants who were roaming in the lobby. However, they all said "no comment. I have nothing to say."

At Del. Scott's apartment door numbers 1110, the AFRO received no answer.

The daughter is reported living in D.C.,

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# —Milton Allen

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be, "lied about and lied to," but added that an attack on an employee to get to him was "so offensive as to merit the highest priority of my time."

Obviously affected by the state's attorney's remarks, Mr. Pressman referred to the former's remarks as an "emertional outburst," (meaning emotional outburst) to the amusement of all in attendance.

Undaunted, however, the city comptroller emphatically maintained, "after you brush away the adjectives, the fact still remains that the state's attorney takes too many trips at the taxpayer's expense"

Mr. Pressman did admit, however, that the 60-day figure he had used earlier was only an approximation.

He also apologized to Mrs. O'Connor and said no harm was intended, "to her good name."

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Board President Walter Orlinsky, obviously annoyed by the exchange asked that the confrontation be terminated at this point, but added that he was "personally shocked at the references the comptroller made last week.

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To illustrate the validity of his statements regarding the trips, Mr. Allen showed the AFRO copies of the four approved trip request slip.

The trips, which were to: Miami, Florida: August 1 thru Aug. 5 ($381.60), San Juan, Puerto Rico: Aug. 13 thru Aug. 20, 1972 ($580.000), Los Angeles, California, March 5 thru March 11, 1973, ($663), and Denver, Colorado, May 13 thru May 16, 1973, ($455.00), came out to 17 working days, (Mon thru Fri.)

However, the comptroller also chose to make certain filthy innuendos about me and a lady of my staff traveling together while in another time could have only been settled on a field of honor.

I have chosen this forum as my field of honor to demand a public apology from the comptroller in the name of my wife, Martha, and Mrs. O'Connor and her husband for the uncalled for slur on Mrs. O'Connor's good name.

Mrs. O'connor is a fine, dignified and able attorney, in fact, one of the best and highest paid on my staff.

On the trip alluded to by the comptroller, she travelled with her husband to the National District Attorneys' Association Convention and I travelled with my wife.

I cannot conceive of a more base accusation and one which more dishonors his office than that which the comptroller made. The people of Baltimore simply cannot tolerate such scoundrels in public office who will stop at nothing to achieve notoriety under the false belief that this is what counts at the polls.

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Some may say that I am making a mountain out of the typical "molehill." I disagree.

An elected public official expects personal attacks as one of the hazards of public life.

I expect to be lied about and lied to. But an attack on one of my employees in order to get to me is so offensive as to merit the highest priority on my time.

I veiw the antics of the comptroller at this board's meeting last week and the same day on statewide T.V. as a black mark on all of us.

If he is allowed to continue unchecked in his obstructive and slanderous ways, then we will be capitulating to the "big lie."

Mr. Pressman, I am waiting for your apology.

## Businessman found not guilty

Milton Randall, onetime Baltimore businessman, was found not guilty for first degree murder Wednesday evening.

The jury deliberated for 3½ hours before reaching its verdict.

Mr. Randall was charged with the March 13 murder of Nathaniel Jones, a former employee of the Chesapeake Operating Co.

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BIRTHDAY LAD—Recently feted at a birthday party was Master Harold Vincent Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. (Esther) Williams. Master Williams was celebrating his second birthday. He is the godson of Miss Kathy E. Owens.

MT. MORIAH MAY LIVE says Annapolis Mayor John C. Apostol.

## Apostol backs moving Mt. Moriah

By Fletcher Roberts

Speaking on the subject of the 99-year-old Mt. Moriah AME Church, Carroll Greene, Annapolis Director of the Commission on Negro History and Culture, exclaimed, "It came as a complete surprise that the mayor has agreed that the building should be moved."

Moreover, "it seems to me that the mayor's action preempts the authority of his own (Historic District) Commission which is in the middle of hearings on the church," he added.

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Mr. Greene's comments came hard on the heels of a joint "compromise" agreement reached earlier this week between Annapolis Mayor John C. Apostol and Anne Arundel County Executive Joseph W. Alton, Jr.

Both now agree the church must be relocated if it is to be preserved to make way for a 300-car county parking facility on the existing church site.

However, Mr. Apostol has indicated that no city funds would be spent in moving the church. It is estimated that relocating the church on another site would cost roughly $230,000.

Reemphasizing that his commission's position on maintaining the church on its present site had not unchanged, Mr. Greene listed three factors against any relocation proposals:

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Firstly, he said, "The church could be dropped from the National Register because moving it would impair its historical integrity and furthermore, it has never been determined from an engineering standpoint whether the building can be moved."

He went on to say, "Secondly, the site which is being offered as an alternative (on Cathedral St. across from the emergency entrance to the county hospital) is on a down slope which poses extraordinary problems in terms of relocation.

"Thirdly, as Governor Mandel pointed out, the building has been designated of symbolic significance to many Marylanders, particularly black Marylanders, then to move the building to the entrance of a hospital is to my way of thinking effrontery of the worst kind," he concluded.

## Disabled vets get allowance for clothing

A $150 clothing allowance will be paid automatically this year to service disabled veterans who have qualified previously for the annual payment.

The allowance is paid to veterans whose clothing is subject to extra wear and tear from braces and other prosthesis.

About 46,900 service disabled veterans have received $6.9 million under the law authorizing the allowance which became effective Aug. 1.

George A. Davis director of the Baltimore Veterans Regional office said application forms were mailed to 60,000 potentially eligible veterans shortly after Public Law 92-328 was enacted last year. The allowances are in addition to monthly VA compensation payments to veterans who have service-connected disabilities.

Once a permanently disabled veteran is approved, the allowance will be paid automatically each year thereafter.

Eligible military retirees must apply for the allowance each year. They do not have to waive any of their retirement pay to qualify.

Eligible veterans who have not received application forms are urged to contact the nearest VA office if they are interested in receiving the allowance, Davis said.

## 5 grants ready for librarians

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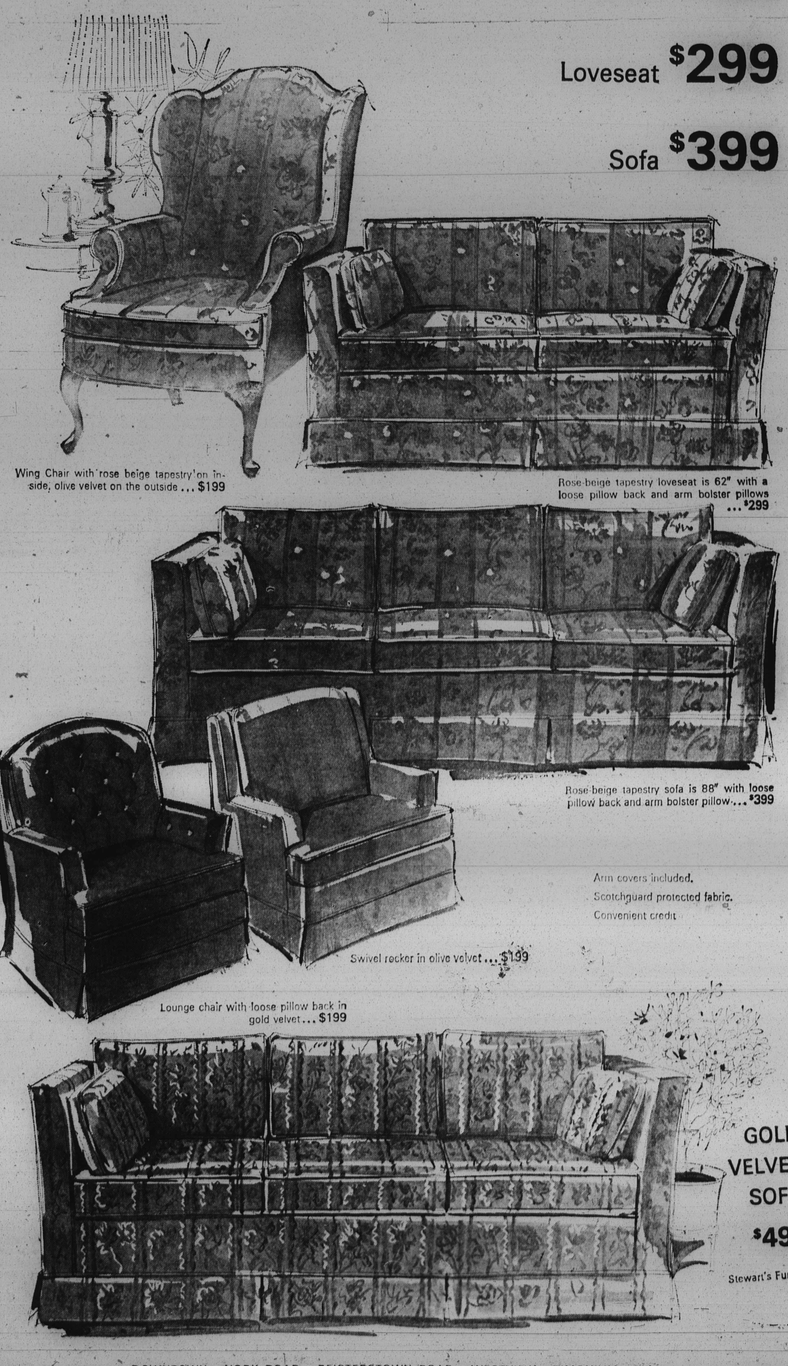

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