Businessman Willlam (Little Willie) Adams Talks Of Threats

--Cab driver

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the assailants were passengers.

An eye-witness told the AFRO "I heard the first shot and I asked my buddy what was going on. I saw one man jump out."

The witness stated he saw one man taking a pistol from another man in the back seat of the car and both men jumped out of the cab and fled after the shooting.

According to him the vehicle was still in motion and so he jumped into the drifting cab and stepped on the brake to stop it from hitting his new car.

"I didn't feel scared until it was over, then I was nervous," he told the AFRO.

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Mr. Byrd was a World War II veteran who served six years in an anti-aircraft unit.

After the discharge, he was one of the first black recipients of a Public Service Commission permit to operate a taxi-cab.

Since then he owned and operated a GI cab or 27 years until his brutal murder.

Mrs. Isabella Bond Byrd, the AFRO Mr. Byrd, a dear his 52-year-old widow, told ply religious man was a family man. "His life was

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ROBERT BYRD

--Phase Four

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separate controls begin for manufacturers, sellers, the petroleum industry, construction, insurance and health sectors of the economy.

On Sept. 12, current feed price controls will end and commodity prices will be allowed to rise or fall to the market value.

This means that merchants can raise prices to meet increasing costs. They are being urged, however, not to add profit increases to the cost increases.

--Deputy S. A. Brown

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Aaron Baer whose terms expired Jan. 1.

When reached for comment, Mr. Brown told the AFRO, "I am honored that he has enough confidence in me to appoint me to the position. I am happy that e has done so."

Each has been nominated to a 10-year term and each must, beforehand, receive Sepate confirmation, which by law must come before the Legislature during its summer session.

All of the nominees had been recommended by at least two major bar associations, and several were suggested by three bar associations.

Forty-six individuals applied to the Judicial Selection Commission, which prepared a list of seven names it recommended to the Governor.

The three new vacancies were created by the death of Judge Joseph G. Finerty and the removal of Judges Joseph L. Broccolino Jr. and A. Jerome Diener for traffic ticket fixing.

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In further comments Mr. Brown went on to say, "I have mixed emotions, however about leaving the states attorney's office. I know about the fine job that States Attorney Milton Allen is doing, and I would like to stay and continue to assist him."

Speaking on his new appointment, he said, "I will try to be effective as district court judge. I will try to use the knowledge I've gained to promote more cooperation in the criminal justice system, so that we can work out the kinks and have a speedy and good criminal justice system in the city and state."

BENJAMIN L. BROWN

Her six daughters are all in school. The eldest, Rosemary, 18, a June graduate of Western High School, has a scholarship to Northwestern University in Illinois.

The rest, Rebecca, 15, Rhonda, 14, and Ruth, 13, are all in high school while Rachael, 11 and Risa, 9, are in elementary school.

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When Mr. Byrd was not working, he enjoyed watching games, any games, on TV and playing with his children. That is where the family will miss him.

However, Mrs. Byrd maintains: "We're going to carry on because my children feel his spirit is here with us. We'll go on in the manner that he would like us to."

Mrs. Byrd, who for 31 years has been a housekeeper, stated, "He was a devoted father and husband and we all loved and respected him."

Funeral services were held at the First United Apostolic Church at noon today (Friday). Mr. Byrd is buried in Arcutus Memorial Park.

In addition to his wife and children he is survived by three brothers, Mark, James and Joseph Byrd; four sisters, Mrs. Cora Hoff, Mrs. Ellen Rabb Mrs. Bessie Brown and Mrs. Josie Holmes and his mother, Mrs. Ellen Byrd.

A cabdriver, concerned about the shooting death of Mr. Byrd, told the AFRO today that he and group of city and state officials will meet on Tuesday, July 24 to make pains for the protection of cab drivers.

—Willie Egyir.

--Evan's murder

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by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy to transport nearly $10 million worth of narcotics from New York to the Baltimore metropolitan area. He was to stand trial Aug. 20. Charges have been abated by death.

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Black October is an invisible and as yet unidentified "anti-dope Vietnam veterans organization" vowing the elimination of narcotics in black communities.

However, both state and federal law enforcement officers claim Mr. Evans was never known to be a narcotics dealer.

Baltimore Police Department records show he was charged in 1971 with narcotics deals but was found innocent. Federal agents claim his name is unknown to them.

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But Police Denartment information Officer Brian Joyce, told the AFRO about 25 pieces of Black October literature were found near the body.

Officer Joyce reveals some of the leaflets read: "This person is a known dealer. He has made his living off the people for a long time."

Another said, "He has paid his penalty for treason," and "There is no hope in dope. Off the pusher."

Records show Evans, found lying on his frontyard, had apparently parked his 1973 black Cadillac with vinyl sun roof and was going to his house when he was shot.

Neighbors are quoted as saying they observed two men between the ages of 20 and 25 wearing masks running away from the scene of the early morning slaying.

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The incident brought a large number of excited citizens to the scene. However, when the AFRO arrived there later in the day all was quiet. There were three expensive Cadillacs sitting gorgeously in front of the dead man's house.

When the AFRO tried to take pictures and to talk to relatives Stanley Miller, a white man claiming to be the attorney for the deceased, refused audience stating the family is "in distress and cannot talk to newsmen." He said he would issue a press release when the need arises.

WILLIE ADAMS

Not in dope, can't understand the threats, says Willie Adams

William (Little Willie) Adams, well-known West Baltimore businessman, told the AFRO Thursday he does not believe there is any organization called 'Black October.'

Reports circulated earlier this week that Mr. Adams was on the list of 'victims' the purported anti-dope vigilante group was out to kill.

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Mr. Adams told the AFRO: "I don't think there is any such organization as Black October. I think it is just a few nuts that are doing this to throw people off of whatever else they are doing. I imagine . . . I don't know why they would have my name in there except for that radio program sometime ago when they said I owned all the taverns on Pennsylvania Ave. and the dope and all that crap.

As to the recent crime surge, Mr. Adams said, "It's unbelievable. It's beyond my comprehension to tell you the truth to see such things like this happening.

"I am on Pennsylvania Avenue, have been there since this stuff started. No one has bothered me, neither have I bothered them.

"We work behind closed doors — you know — We have been stuck up there (robbed), once or twice. We closed the club up altogether and just locked the doors up.

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"As far as any confrontation with any dope addict or any pusher, none of those people — you can go back as far as 1950, haven't any of those people said a word to me one way or the other. I never had any conversation with them.

"Well, if people think that Willie Adams is in dope. . . I can't stop them from thinking anything, you know that, but if anybody is involved in that sort of thing they can't keep a secret for so long.

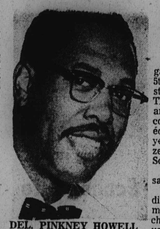
"Willie Adams can face anybody, any dope addict anywhere or any pusher or anybody involved in dope, and not a one can sa th and not a one can say that he has even talked to Willie Adams about anything like that."

Adams told the AFRO that he has not secured extra protection since the threats: "I have just removed myself from my office, just removed myself from being exposed, and plan to stay that way for a few days, until I hope they come up with the answer to what this is all about."

Cherry Hill kids bus to Ft. Meade

Mayor Schaefer's office has come to the aid of 89 high school students from the Cherry Hill section of Baltimore City by providing free bus transportation for them to Fort Meade, Md.

The students are working at Fort Meade under the President's federal summer employment program for youth.



DEL. PINKNEY HOWELL

Del. Howell, other lawmakers deplore killings, mob action

Pinkney A. Howell, Delegate from Baltimore City's 5th District, in an exclusive statement to the AFRO on Thursday expressed dismay and alarm at the lack of concern about the two "hideous killings of two of our, yet-to-be-proven guilty citizens," Del. James (Turk) Scott and George L. Evans.

Mr. Howell's statement said:

"I think it is an outright disgrace to the black community to come back to the chaotic conditions that kept us in bondage for years. There is a vigilante group going around destroying the thoughts and the respect and the conscience of the black community, to make us be quiet.

"I would certainly endeavor to ask my colleagues in Annapolis to speak out, especially the Black Caucus.

"Dope must go! Lawlessness and murder must also go! We cannot afford to solve one crime with another of equal magnitude.

"I deplore the state of events that have existed during the past week or so because it is my firm belief that every man should have a fair trial whenever he is accused of a crime, and I believe that every man is innocent until proven guilty and any group representing the black community, in my opinion, would want to know whether a brother or sister is indeed innocent of any alleged offense before sentencing.

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Del. Howell added:

"As all of you know this execution without a trial has long been the plight of blacks in this country from slavery to the present day and no community-minded person would want to bring this state of affairs back in strong force today.

"No one individual or no group, in my opinion, can serve as prosecutor and executioner in this particular time in our society. To do so is to invite lawlessness on the scale we have not seen since the gun-slinging days of the West or the midnight rides of the Ku Klux Klan.

"The point is that justice must be done and it must be done according to our constituted laws.

"It is true that our system of detecting and flushing out known dealers in narcotics and other crimes seem to be ineffective.

"In this regard, it is of paramount importance that all citizens participate with the law enforcing agencies to identify persons dealing in illegal drug traffic."

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Del. Howell further suggested:

"It is also equally important that the police department seek efficient ways of identifying and apprehending those persons dealing in illegal drug traffic. The public relations office of the police department must make every effort to carry out a direct and meaningful interaction with the community in order to receive the assistance of the community in identifying persons responsible for the illegal drug traffic and all other crimes committed against the community.

"Additionally, all citizens are urged to use "Report A Pusher" Hot Line to identify the drug dealers. These calls can be made anonymously by calling 833-6996.

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Del. Howell said, "in his opinion the group that calls itself Black October, if such a group exists, may be the instrument by outside elements who have no interest in the black community at all and who may only be interested in assuring that they have no competition in their efforts to distribute illegal drugs in the black community.

"In other words," he explained, "Black October may be a cover up for outside elements which is the highest order of worldwide criminal activities seeking to destroy the human potentials of inner-city poor blacks and whites at the expense of gaining ultimate monetary power and control over the lives and destinies of individuals. We cannot be fooled or hoodwinked.

Del. Howell added:

"Black people have no airplanes. We don't own any ships. We have no way of transporting this stuff (dope) into the U.S.

"That means that if it gets here, it's got to be brought in by somebody other than the black community. The people that are doing it, the people that are supporting it, certainly are not of the black community. We are the victims of the circumstances, not the doers of the crime."

Asked about threats reportedly made by Black October on the life of northwest Baltimore businessman, William (Little Willie) Adams, Del. Howell said:

"I would say that this should be one of the other outcries in the black community, to pick out one of the leaders that we have in the community who has done for the black community just about as much as any other black citizen.

"To pick out Mr. Adams, because of the power and influence he might have, is hitting at the foundation of the black community in trying to build capitalism where black citizens are moving in the business and money world.

"I think this is a threat to the black community to destroy the image of any black figure who might become a financial czar.

"I would like to see all legislators speak out against this and come and stand in front as I am doing now. Willing to stand up and oppose this type of thing. I have no fear of my life or my family. I am opposed to this. If my life has to dwell on this type of condition, I would rather not have one.

"I am opposed to any person threatening the lives of another through a vigilante pack or any other kind of mob."

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Lloyal A. Randolph, another legislator from the 4th District and head of the body's Black Caucus, also characterized the purported listing of Mr. Adams by Black October.

He termed it 'unfair,' and pointed out Adams' long-time efforts to rid Baltimore city of crime and dope and his efforts to build businesses in our neighborhoods.

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Another state legislator, Del. Frank M. Conaway (D-4th), told the AFRO: He did not believe an organization like Black October existed at the time of the death of his fellow delegate, Turk Scott.

However, he said, "since the death of George Evans, I now believe that there is such an organization, probably a vigilante group, banned together to stop drug traffic in Baltimore city."

Del. Conaway added that the recent surge of violence is deplorable. It has to stop. I think it is wrong for any group of people to take the law into their own hands.

"A man is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law and I think everybody should have his day in court.

"I think the police department should increase their pressure in order to try to find out more about the group. At the same time, it is very difficult for me to believe that a group can be this well organized and the police department not be aware of some of the members.

"It is my feeling that the police department basis of operation is through informants and I am sure they must be able to find informants that can get information on Black October."

--Rock group

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gas from Mr. Carswell's apartment.

All the bodies were found on the floor with that of Mr. Carswell in the bedroom and the two others on the living room floor.

He reveals police suspect the gunman or gunmen gained entrance into the apartment through an open door and quietly gunned down the men in their beds. How they got on the floor is not known.

Police list the relatives of all three victims as residing in Baltiore, Mr. Carswell's mother, Mrs. Hortense Berry, 4500 block Old Frederick Rd.; Mrs. Bertha Tucker, Stokes' mother, 3400 block Alto Rd and Mr. Houston's mother, Mrs. Marion Houston, 5500 block Egerton Rd.

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Mr. Stokes was buried Monday in the Carver Memorial Park after services at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

In addition to his other be is survived by his step mother, Mrs. Esther Stokes; stepfather, Nathaniel Tucker; four brothers Al, Terry, Thadius and Tucker and Troy Stokes and one sister, Mrs. Bernice Tucker.

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LULALLEN-COUSAR — James H. 26. 2027 Cecil; Janet, 22, 3354 Dolfield.

COLLISION between two vehicles at Ayrdale and Forest Park Aves., on Sunday about 5:15 p.m., caused damage to truck and auto and brought the Fire Department and the curious. Among bystanders were 13-year-old Angie Murphy, and her brother, Timmie, 14.

(Photo by Moss

WHERE IS THIS? When did it happen? Who did it? If you can answer these questions, you can win cash.

--Minister's son

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States Attorney's office placed the charges after searching since July 13 for some clue.

Del. Scott was slain in the basement parking lot of his Sutton Place apartment home at about 1:45 a.m. and police state Black October leaflets were strewn about the area.

Police claim when they searched young Dobson's home they found a typewriter and leaflets of the Black October type.

REV. HAROLD DOBSON father of accused youth, associate pastor of St. Marks Institutional Baptist Church.

--Dobson

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strength judgements that are not pure".

"The major thing that I appreciate is that the AFRO has called me.

"Some of the major papers want to act like Harold and I are so devoid of humanism that we are supposed to run from the fact that Sherman is our relative, when really this is the time when if you have got any love or commitment, this is the time that you show it.

"I am not embarrassed by the fact that Sherman is my nephew, or the facts of the case.

"I am tremendously upset that young people live in a society where the system of justice does not work at all times to their total benefit, guaranteeing on the one hand that a crippling cancer does not exist and on the other hand if such Incidents occur, they are given every benefit of the doubt before any police activity takes place.

"I am appreciative of the call from the AFRO. I feel at home with the AFRO. I have not talked to the other papers because I feel that they are vicious and their intent is certainly not to help, but to hurt.

"I think, however, the AFRO has shown and demonstrated consistently a concern for the same things that I am concerned about.

"Where Sherman is concerned, were are going to do everything possible to make certain that his own safety and sanity is maintained, and we are honing that the net affect will be that he will be released."

They refused to say if they believe young Dobson is a member of the thus far mythical Black October group.

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They claim they found a .38 caliber revolver in his home and investigation up to a point indicates this is the same gun from which bullets were fired into the body of Del. Scott and George LeRoy Evans.

Evans, not known to be in dope traffic, was slain on the lawn of his home Wednesday night, Police say Black October leaflets were strewn about the body.

Police state they first arrested young Dobson in connection with the Diamond Cab hijacking and charge him with kidnapping of the cab driver, robbery and robbery and possession of a handgun.

He was released on $4,000 bail after the Grand Jury indictments were processed and served.

The murder charges were placed after Homicide detectives executed a search and seizure warrant at the youth's Ellamont St. residence about 2:30 p.m. Thursday. No bail was set after a hearing in Homicide court Thursday afternoon

Members of the family told the AFRO they are refusing any comment. The young man is a City College graduate and a 3rd-year student at Howard University. He was a leader in student movement while at City College.

A talented musician, young Dobson is a former AFRO carrier and was YMCA camp counselor.

Baltimoreans on delayed cruise ship

Hundreds of Baltimoreans, many of them black, were passengers on the latest Caribbean cruise of the S. S. Canberra which went aground on a sand bar at Granada July 13.

None of the 2,600 passengers and crew members were injured and the Canberra was not damaged But because a tugboat had to be called from Trinidad to pull the ship from the bar, there was a two-day delay on its arrival.

The ship, scheduled to return Wednesday to New-York, pulled in today (Friday) at 10 a.m.

A Baltimore group, led by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hawks of the 300 block Mondawmin Ave., is scheduled to arrive at Mondawmin Shopping center sometime this afternoon.

Clem Dietz of Cooks Travel Service said, "My agency alone handled over 100 people from the Baltimore area on the cruise."

Miss Charlotte Travers, secretary for the agency, said that many people called Wednesday inquiring about their family and friends.

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--Galilean

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state officers, Deputy Ruler, Mrs. Julia Miles, Treasurer, Mrs. Anna Murray, and Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Holland, and the Rev. Kelly L. Jackson, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the N.M. Carroll Home for the Aged.

The Order of Galilean Fishermen operates in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. Some 75 of its 200 members are from Maryland.

It was originally organized by a group of blacks, led by Mr. and Mrs. Hensley Nichols, who were Class Leaders of John Wesley Church in South Baltimore.

The Order owned its building at 409-411 Biddle St. from 1892-1965. At one time it operated a bank, a printing business and had tabernacles in almost every county in Md.

Mr. Gordon's family has held membership in the Order most of its 117 years. His great-grandmother, Mrs. Melinda Clayton, was among the founders. His grandfather, Columbus Gordon, owner of the C. Gordon Transfer Co. of Baltimore, served as Supreme Secretary for 18 years.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gordon, deceased since 1966, were life members.

Women have played a large part in the history of the Order. Mrs. Harriet Nichols served as first Supreme Treasurer and Mrs. Florence Gordon Kess was the first female Deputy Supreme Ruler.

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In 1966, during the group's Supreme Session, women received Past Supreme Rulers honors for the first time. Among the honorees were Mrs. Elizabeth McLarren and Mrs. Florence Gordon Kess of Baltimore, Mrs. Louise Brown of Washington, D.C. and Mrs. Bessie Sloan and Mrs. Martha Duffins of Harrisburg, Pa.

National sessions are held every other year. The 1974 convention will convene in Baltimore. Mr. Gordon is "very excited" about the city's expected honor. Felton Miles of Washington, D.C., the Supreme Ruler, will preside.

Mr. Gordon is a little disturbed because "young people don't want to join the organization." He added, "They just won't sit in the meetings; they want more sporty activities."

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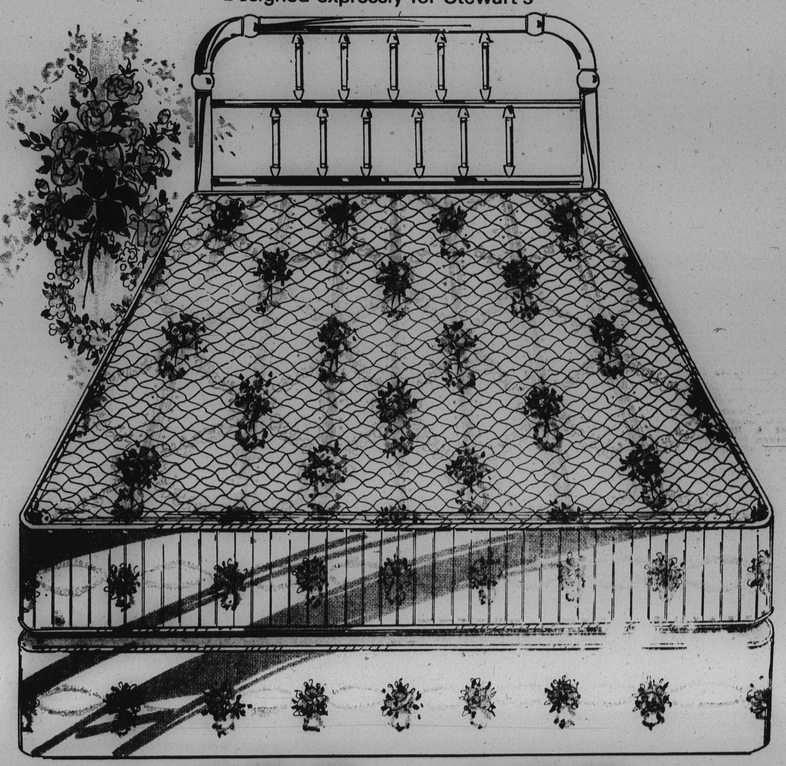

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