—Spruill murder trial

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Sept. 5 and noted a large crowd standing around a man who was face up on the ground.

The report states, "The man was in a pool of blood and I asked for an ambulance. He was treated for gunshot wounds of the head and chest. The report says the police officer noticed a man run up to Mr. Spruill on the ground and lift up his pants leg and remove a large wad of money."

The officer reports, "The man started going through the victim's pants pockets removing more money. Police state the man said he was Mr. Spruill's partner and that he was taking the money to the victim's wife."

Police state, "I told him that the money was going to be held by the police. He then put the money in a green leather carrying case and turned it over to me."

Later inventoried, the case held $1,138 in cash and 68 sheets of paper containing numbers and amounts along side each number. Police determined the sheets held illegal lottery figures. The briefcase belonged to Mr. Spruill, police state.

Police reveal the man identified himself as Luck Luck Jr., 1500 block Morelane Rd.

According to police, Mr. Luck said, "A man who shot him (Mr. Spruill) is about 5 feet 7 in., 160 lbs. with black and gray hair."

The reporting officer said he received a call over his radio that a suspect had surrendered himself at the Southeastern District station.

The suspect was Ernest Marshall. Police state a .38 caliber gun was found on the front right seat of Marshall's Eldorado Cadillac.

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The state intends to call the seven following people to testify: Raymond Hemphill, 2500 block Woodbrook Ave.; Mrs. Dorethia Dennis, 3900 block Mountwood Rd.; Rev. Harold Harvey, 2300 block Ulman Ave.; Henry J. Clyborn, 2100 block Sinclair Lane; Johnny Hodges, 3000 block Tioga Pkwy.; Mrs. Pearl Gordon, 2700 block W. Lanvale St. and Mrs. Carrie G. Mitchell, 1600 block Monroe St.

—City blasts

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ure over the past two years to give some relief to rising property tax rates.

The property tax rate is determined by the size of the assessable base — so the higher the accessable base the lower the rate.

Mrs. Janet Hoffman, liaison person for the mayor to city General Assembly members, says that taxpayers are being fooled and that property tax payments in the city will stand still and not be reduced.

Mrs. Hoffman says "No one (in the governor's office) has contacted the Baltimore government," concerning implementation of the proposal, which she says was rejected a few weeks ago by the governor's own task force.

According to her the only equitable property tax system would be the so-called "circuit-breaker" concept which would give relief to tax payers by operating along the same lines of a graduated income system.

Other problems viewed by the city if the proposal is implemented, deal with its present A Wall Street bond rating, which officials had seen being increased to an A rating.

With less assessable property, Mrs. Hoffman, says that the overview in a few years will be that the city has lost ground instead of grown which may put it in a bad light as far as bonding houses may be concerned.

—Quakers ask

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communications in Connecticut for a week.

Hollander said the President was addressed in a letter simply as Richard Nixon, not out of disrespect, but according to the Quaker tradition "that all men are equal in the sight of God."

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The letter called on Nixon, "who has on various occasions referred to your Quaker background," to "respect the traditional testimonies of the society."

However difficult it may be to step down, the letter said, "It would aid in dispelling the atmosphere of corruption in our national government."

The Quakers cited the Watergate affair, the alleged use of federal agencies for partisan political surveillance and the impoundment of federal funds appropriated for health and welfare programs and said Nixon "usurped the war-making powers of Congress, including ordering the secret bombing of Cambodia and Laos."

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Meanwhile the Man from Washington, Wednesday, making a holiday trip with his wife and daughter, bought three tickets to Los Angeles on a jumbo jet for $652.92, and finished the trip driving at a sedate 55 miles per hour, thus saving the nation about 40,000 gallons of fuel.

Nixon paid for the tickets for himself, his wife, Pat and daughter, Tricia Cox, out of his own pocket, the White House said.

However the Secret Service and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has criticized President Nixon's use of a public commercial airliner.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler discounted the Secret Service and FAA "The success of the trip criticisms.

was based on the fact that no extraordinary measures were taken except for the Secret Service security of the aircraft," Ziegler commented.

"Whenever the President does something unique, it may draw criticism but the key to the President's ability to fly on a regularly scheduled flight was not to make it known in advance," he said.

THE STATE OF THINGS

Spiro Agnew, a man fallen from the highest office ever achieved by a Marylander

By Don and Val Hymes

It was a bad dream repeated.

Spiro Agnew was standing there again in a courtroom, telling the world he should not be condemned for his actions because everybody does the same thing and gets away with it.

Even the three trial judges, coming from the circuit and supreme benches in towns familiar to all of us, seemed touched ever so slightly by the Alice in Wonderland atmosphere in the high-ceilinged Annapolis courtroom on a snowy, cold day.

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Said Humpty Dumpty: "There's glory for you!"

"I don't know what you mean by 'glory'", Alice said.

"I meant, 'there's a nice knock-down argument for you!'"

"But 'glory' doesn't mean 'a nice knock-down argument.'" Alice objected.

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in a rather scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less."

CARDS STACKED AGAINST HIM

In that courtroom that day, the logic of Spiro Agnew — who had indeed had a great fall — almost rang true. In fact, before he rose to speak in his own behalf, the cards appeared stacked against him.

The scene was one that rarely interests the public — a Maryland Bar Association disciplinary hearing growing out of a no-contest plea to income tax evasion — the kind of white-collar crime many businessmen are expected to commit.

But from the Bar Association's point of view, it was far more serious. Even Agnew and his attorneys saw that, conceding that a mere reprimand would be silly."

The fact that this lawyer had been a public official, holding the highest office Maryland could bestow and the second highest in the nation, plus the fact that the money he concealed from the government was "tainted," made it even more imperative for his professional peers to act. The integrity of the Bar was at stake.

PUBLIC DISENCHANTED

One of the Bar Association attorneys, demanding disciplinary action, said, "A large segment of the public is disenchanted, skeptical, disdainful, even distrustful of the legal profession . . . and it's not just this case."

His colleague added that the purpose was not to punish but to protect. There were many arguments offered to try of find a punishment to fit the crime, but the cornerstone of the Bar Association's position was that the public had the right to know this would not happen again — that "the public has the right to expect the legal profession to keep its own house clean."

And Agnew's attorneys agreed. One of them said, "No observer of the political scene could be unaware of the public outcry for reform" or that "public confidence in government is shaken."

Their client is a man whose name has been dishonored for the history books of the future. Spiro Agnew is a man who has fallen from the highest office ever achieved by a Marylander, a man who conned a plea to earn the label of felon.

HAND IN COOKIE JAR

Yet he carries with him an aura of confidence and

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—Judge Baer

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Mrs. Maud Harvey, director of the department, told the AFRO she was not aware of the case involving the two women, however. "I know cases are sent every week to the courts for welfare fraud."

She explained reports on all cases are sent to her after a month for study and recommendation.

Mrs. Harvey said each case sent to court is heard and judged on its own merits and "we don't do anything about them once they are in court, the court has to make its own decisions."

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Del. Troy Brailey said upon investigation the money when they are [illegible] Meantime, their children may be put in foster homes and cared for by the state, he stated.

According to him it would cost the taxpayer nearly $15,000 to keep the two women in jail for that period. Commenting on the allegations that the women may have to pay the money on their return, the law maker stated: "If that is true, in my opinion, it will be a double jeopardy," for them.

-1st baby

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All a contestaht need to do is to clip the coupon from the AFRO, fill in and mail it to the AFRO offire, 628 N. Eutaw St.

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-Mandel

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partly because of staff scandals, and did not plan to vote for him.

However, in saving that the reception would be held the governor did not mention his personal problems but said he intended to preserve Maryland traditions.

"I therefore have decided to retain the custom of opening the governor's mansion to the public on New Year's Day for those citizens of Maryland who find it convenient to join me for this traditional visit.

"To those who are unable to visit the governor's mansion because of the gasoline shortage, time-consuming lower speed limits and long distances I extend my warmest best wishes for a happy and successful new year."

-Domestics

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dar year. Such employees should receive a W-2 form or an equivalent statement within 30 days after their last payday.

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College trustees told of problem buildings

The Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Colleges was charged with being accountable for the acceptance of several allegedly substandard buildings on the campus of Morgan State College.

Miss Sandra Smith, president of the college student government association told the board:

"Morgan State College now has several new buildings; or , is in the process of getting new buildings. But, what kind of buildings are they?

There was a building wherein showers were built but no drainage was provided for the showers. This is a most splendid example of every sight except foresight and the epitome of health standards. This building is now behind schedule.

"McMechen Building, presently in use has an ingenious system of numbering floors. And, as if this was not enough, there are doors and steps which lead nowhere.

If one enters the building from the first floor, he must take the elevator to the third floor in order to find steps. The steps begin on the third floor and move up. Of course, no one thinks of fires and the mad dash by everyone to fit int a elevator which can hold no more than a baker's dozen.

Yet, this building was approved and accepted as fit for occupancy by college students. Lives of hundreds of students are involved. Take a walk trough this labyrinth. Why lid you accept this substandard, architectural monstrosity?

"The Commerce Building and the Field House are but two of the buildings which are a far cry from what they should be. Shall there be more? Does this type of complacency and general disregard for lives go on at the other state institutions? I think not.

"If I have wrongly pointed a finger, I would gladly retract the same and point it in the right direction, providing I know where. But, until then, I shall continue to say and ask why."

Douglass cosponsoring carry-over efforts

Del. Helen Koss, D-Mont. Co. and Del. John Douglass, D-2nd, will spearhead an effort during the 1974 General assembly for passage of a constitutional amendment to permit carry-over of pending legislation from one legislative session to another.

"This will enable more thorough consideration of bills and help prevent some of the logjam that occurs the last days of each session," said Del. Koss.

Del. Douglass also noted, ed out that it can save the state some money by eliminating reprinting and duplication of some legislation.

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The bill proposes that any bill pending at the final adjournment of regular session shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session, except when a new legislature is elected.

At present, the legislature is required to act on all bills during a session. "With the increased number of bills which are presented each session, many worthwhile ideas never receive a good hearing," said Del. Koss.

"Other bills are worked on and passed in one house but not passed in the other house in the second house," explained Del. Douglass.

"It is a waste of time for the house which has approved a measure one session to reconsider that same measure the next year. Consideration of it should be resumed in the second body," he said.

Southwestern mermen look to promising year

If Southwestern's victory over Douglass last week is any indication of things to come, this could be the year for the Sabers' swim team.

Southwestern, last year's runner-up to Northwestern, drowned Douglass 69-24 in a non-league matchup.

Coach Roland Penn says that Northwestern is still the team to beat this year but warns that no one should see his swimmers short.

"We've got Wayne Lowe in the distances, Cliff Tregunna in the relays, Arthur Brostrom in the intermediates and an excellent diver in William Miles,"

declares the former Winston-Salem (NC) State swim star.

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Douglass coach Ted Murray attributes his team's poor showing to lack of experience. Murray coaches at a school where swimming is not a way of life.

"Just finding enough people to field a team is a job in itself," he laments.

Within this darkness there is a shining light. His name is Michael Carrington. Michael won the 50 yard free style and the 100 yard butterfly to brighten an otherwise dismal afternoon for coach Murray.

This could be the year Southwestern takes it all, but for Douglass? — Schatzman.

Post office cites nine employees

In a special ceremony held at the Baltimore Post Office, Warren M. Bloomberg, District manager, gave special achievement recognition to nine employees in an Incentive Awards Ceremony.

The employees were presented the awards, totaling $575, for performances of special acts, beneficial suggestions and blood donations.

Those receiving special act awards include James C. Phillips, carrier, Clifton Station, $150; John H. Eworthy, carrier, main office, $100 and James E. Jackson, carrier, Arlington Station, $50.

Recipients of suggestion awards are Mrs. Judith A. Rizer, general clerk, stations and branches, $100; Howard W. Buhl, distribution clerk, tour 3, main office, $50; Mrs. Fay D. Bridgeforth, distribution and window clerk, tour 2, registry, $25 and [illegible] Natur, foreman, building maintenance engineering, tour 1, $100.

Among blood donors are Walter [illegible], superintendent, [illegible] and [illegible], who has donated [illegible] gallons of blood, and Clarence E. Hopper, III, general foreman, who has donated three gallons of blood.

Del. Dixon introduces headcount bill

Del. Isaiah Ike Dixon Jr., D-4th, has prefiled a headcount bill which, in an annual report to the Governor, will include statistics as to whites and non-whites employed in all state government positions.

Dixon says that in the past, and probably now, minorities are underrepresented in every job category in state agencies except as service workers.

He also says that just a casual glance at the offices of our top elected official and some key agencies such as Attorney General Burch's Comptroller Goldstein's, Senate President James' and Governor Mandel's, shows there is a racial imbalance.

"This is the second time around for this legislation," Dixon said.

At the initial hearing on the bill secretary of personnel Henry G. Rosz told a legislative committee that he would include headcount [illegible] in his annual report [illegible] legislation, according to Del. Dixon.

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